

NIC @ NIGHT

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- Nicodemus had **Political Clout.**

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"How can someone be born when they are old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!" John 3:4 (NIV)

Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. John 3:5-6 (NIV)

You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' John 3:7 (NIV)

Essential Truths About Salvation:

- 1. Salvation is not earned through HUMAN ACHIEVEMENT.**
 - Church Attendance and Membership
 - Living A Wholesome and Moral Lifestyle

- Doing Good Deeds
- Keeping the Ten Commandments
- A Religious Pedigree
- Getting Baptized

2. Salvation requires a **BORN-AGAIN EXPERIENCE!**

The Problem:

*When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam's sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned. **Romans 5:12 (NLT)***

The Consequence and Solution:

*The payment for sin is death. But God gives us the free gift of life forever in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Romans 6:23 (NCV)***

The Response:

*If you confess that Jesus is Lord and believe that God raised him from death, you will be saved. For it is by our faith that we are put right with God; it is by our confession that we are saved. **Romans 10:9-10 (GNT)***