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# GOSPEL OF JOHN SERIES – 17 THE TRANSFORMING POWER OF JESUS

"The Power Of The New Birth" – Part 2 John 3:1-8

#### INTRODUCTION

- I. THE NEED FOR SPIRITUAL BIRTH -1-3
  - 1. The APPROACH of Nicodemus 3:1-2

"Nicodemus" – Nikodēmos – victory over the people

- Nicodemus was a Pharisee.
- Nicodemus was a scholar.
- Nicodemus was a politician.

## A. His religious Persuasion - v. 1

Matthew 5:20, 16:6, 11-12, 23:23-33; Luke 16:14-15, 18:9-14

#### Remember...

Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to constantly apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Phil. 2:12-13; 1 Tim. 4:7-9; Jam 1:22-27).

As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?

How can I accomplish this change?

What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

B. His political <u>Position</u> – v. 1 "a ruler of the Jews" - Sanhedrin

## C. His personal Problem - v. 2

<sup>2</sup> This man came to Jesus <u>by night</u>... John 19:38–39, 7:47-52, 9:22

### 2. The ANSWER of Jesus - 3:3

• The **REQUIREMENT** of being "born again" in order to experience the Messianic Kingdom

"unless one is born again."

 The <u>REALITY</u> of the Messianic kingdom "cannot see the kingdom."

"born-again" or "born from above"?

John 3:31 - <sup>31</sup> He who comes from <u>above</u> is above all.
The word **above** "anothen" is same word as **again** in v. 3

Next Week...

II. THE NATURE OF SPIRITUAL BIRTH - 4-8