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Christ
THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

GOSPEL OF JOHN SERIES – 18
THE TRANSFORMING POWER OF JESUS
"The Power Of The New Birth" – Part 3
John 3:1-8

INTRODUCTION

I. THE NEED FOR SPIRITUAL BIRTH -1-3

1. The APPROACH of Nicodemus - 3:1-2
 - A. His religious Persuasion – v. 1
 - B. His political Position – v. 1
 - C. His personal Problem – v. 2

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 REALITY of the Messianic kingdom
"see the kingdom."

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

John 3:31 - ³¹ He who comes from above is above all.

The word above "anōthen" is same word as again in v. 3

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?

II. THE NATURE OF SPIRITUAL BIRTH - 4-8

1. The CONCERN of Nicodemus - 4

A. The Problem of age

B. The Problem of birth

2. The CONDITION for entering the Kingdom of God - 5

"unless one is born of water and the Spirit"

4 Major Views:

- **Water Baptism** - Mark 16:15-16
- **Physical And Spiritual Birth** - John 8:37-47
- **The Word And The Spirit** - Psalm 119:9, 50; John 15:3; 17:17; James 1:18; 1 Peter 1:23-25
- **Spiritual Cleansing** - Ezekiel 36:25-28

3. The CONTRAST of two births - 6

FLESH	SPIRIT
Sinful	Holy
External	Internal
Limited	Unlimited
Physical	Spiritual

vs. 7 - *"I said to you"* (singular) *"you* (plural) *must be born again"*

4. The main CHARACTERISTIC of spiritual birth - 8

Luke 17:20-21; Titus 3:5; 1 Peter 1:2-5; John 19:38-42