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Christ

**THE GOSPEL OF JOHN**

**GOSPEL OF JOHN SERIES – 19**  
**THE TRANSFORMING POWER OF JESUS**  
*"The Power Of The New Birth" – Part 4*  
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"
  - The **REALITY** of the Messianic kingdom

**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"*

**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?

#### 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

#### Understanding The Doctrine of Total Depravity

Total depravity means sinners have no ability to do spiritual good or work for their own salvation from sin.

#### 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