

Unless One Is Born Again

- Nicodemus – Only mentioned in Jn. 3; 7:50-52; 19:38-39
 - Ruler, member of the Sanhedrin – came to Jesus by night
 - Ashamed or scared?
 - Or honestly seeking the truth?
 - Apparently only member of Sanhedrin who studied with Jesus
 - Knowledge/Faith
 - v. 2 – “We know you’re a teacher from God”
 - Admits signs are from God; cf. Jn. 9:16; Lk. 20:2
- Jn. 3:3 – Must be born again/anew to see kingdom of God
 - 2nd birth/spiritual rebirth
 - “See” – possess/enjoy, Ps. 16:30; 90:15; Jn. 8:51
- Jn. 3:5 – Born of water and the Spirit
 - Jn. 1:33 – Baptism of John v. Jesus
 - Tit. 3:5
- Jn. 3:7 – You must be born again.
 - Must – language indicates necessity; cf. “unless/except” from v. 3, 5
 - Statement made 3rd time.
- Jn. 3:14 – Allusion to bronze serpent
 - Num. 21:4-9 – Whoever looked upon bronze serpent after being snake bitten would live.
 - Jesus would be similarly lifted up—when on cross, for man to “look upon” to be saved
 - Look = Belief = Born anew
- Jn. 3:16 – Read within context of “born again”
 - “Begotten” – as Christ was God’s only Son born physically and spiritually, we must be born anew...
- Jn. 3:19-21 – Contrasts of light v. darkness
 - v. 21 – “But he who DOES THE TRUTH...”
- From full context of Jn. 3, Belief includes:
 - 3:3 – Being born again
 - 3:5 – Born of water and Spirit to enter the kingdom of God
 - 3:12 – regarding heavenly things
 - Action required
 - 3:14 – Look
 - 3:16 – Believe
 - 3:21 - Do