

That You May Believe...

The Gospel of John

Chapter 3 verses 1-21

Nicodemus:

A Pharisee

“a separated one”

- legalism
- power
- education
- wealth
- status

What is keeping you
from meeting Jesus?

The Pharisee



“Nic at Night”: sincerity vs. timidity



“Night” as a symbol of Spiritual darkness

John 1:5 (NKJV) — 5 And the **light** shines in the **darkness**, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

John 9:4 (NKJV) — 4 I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is **day**; the **night** is coming when no one can work.

John 11:10 (NKJV) — 10 But if one walks in the **night**, he stumbles, because the light is not in **him**.”

Born Again or Born “Anothen” (Greek)

3 meanings rolled into one

1. Born radically different
2. Born a second time
3. Born from above

Being “born again” in Scripture

1 Peter 1:22–23 (NKJV) — 22 [...] love one another fervently with a pure heart, 23 **having been born again**, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever,

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NKJV) — 17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, **he is a new creation**; old things have passed away; behold, **all things have become new**.

Ephesians 4:22–23 (NKJV) — 23 and **be renewed** in the spirit of your mind, 24 and that you **put on the new man which was created according to God**, in true righteousness and holiness.

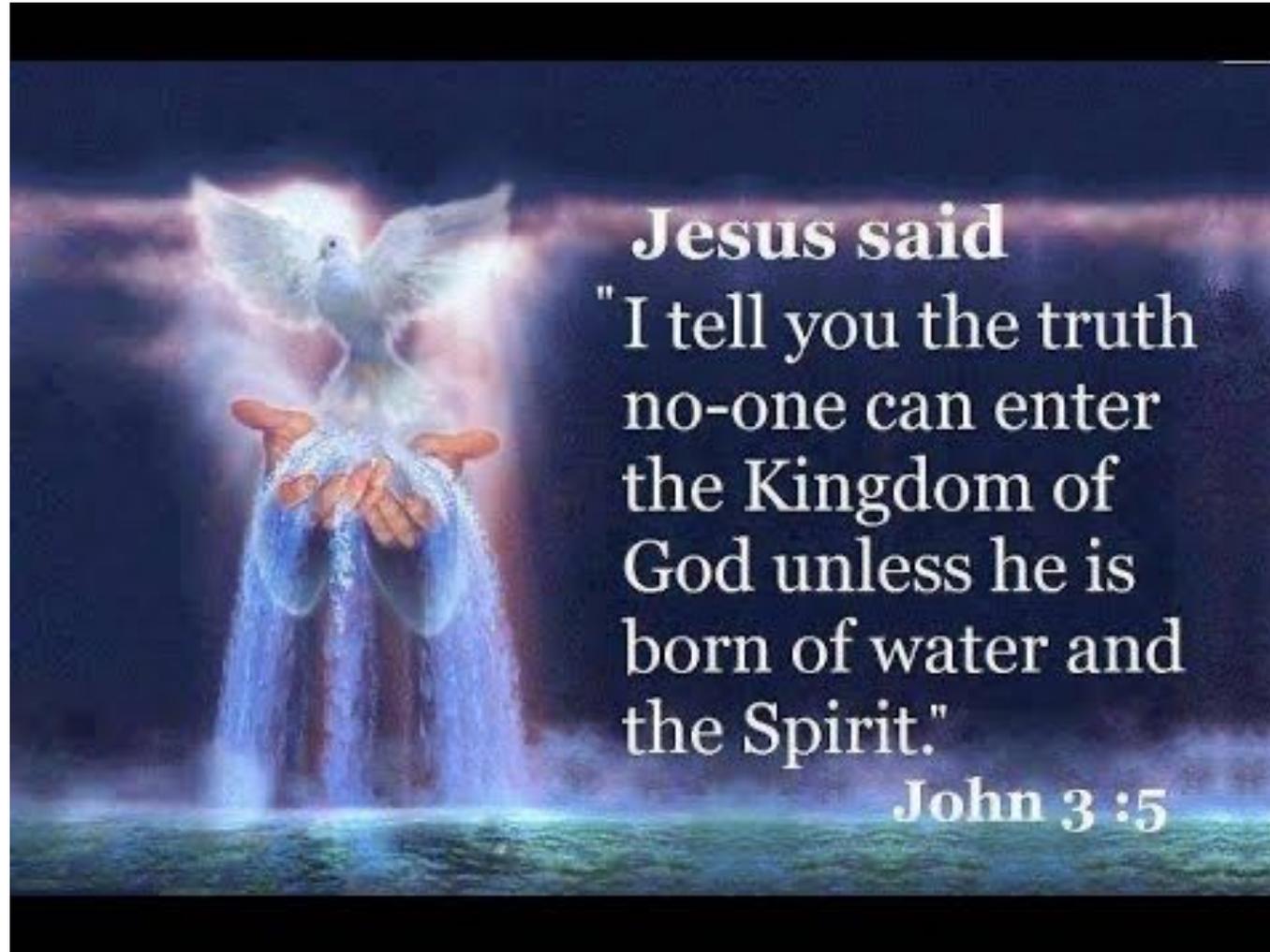


Born into the Kingdom of God

Born into God's family

Born into eternal life

Regeneration: born of Water and the Spirit



Born of Water and the Spirit in the N. T.

Titus 3:4–5 (NKJV) — 4 But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, 5 not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the **washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit**

Born of Water and the Spirit in the O. T.

Ezekiel 36:25–27 (NKJV) — 25 Then **I will sprinkle clean water on you**, and you shall be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. **26** I will give you a new heart and put a **new spirit** within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. **27 I will put My Spirit within you** and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them.

Baptism as a symbol: The cleansing of Water and the power of the Spirit



Look at the serpent to be saved!

Numbers 21:8–9 (NKJV) — 8 Then the LORD said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent, and set it on a pole; and it shall be that everyone who is bitten, **when he looks at it, shall live.**” **9** So Moses made a bronze serpent, and put it on a pole; and so it was, if a serpent had bitten anyone, when he looked at the bronze serpent, he lived.

God's Plan: Look at the Serpent and be Saved



Bearing the Judgement of Sin => SALVATION



The “work” of God – simply BELIEVE!!

John 6:28–29 (NKJV) — 28 Then they said to Him, “What shall we do, that we may work the works of God?”

29 Jesus answered and said to them, “This is the work of God, that you **believe in Him** whom He sent.”

The Gospel in 1 Verse

John 3:16 (NKJV) — 16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

The 7 Wonders of John 3:16 by David Gusik

God = The Almighty Authority

So loved the world = The Mightiest Motive

That He gave His only begotten Son = The Greatest Gift

That whoever = The Widest Welcome

Believes in Him = The Easiest Escape

Should not perish = The Divine Deliverance

But have everlasting life = The Priceless Possession

Open the door – come into the light!



Communion

Remembering His sacrifice.



ALTAR

PRAYER

join us at the altar

