



The 1st Essential: You were created good. (Genesis 1)

The 2nd Essential: You're not okay. (Genesis 3)

The 3rd Essential: The cross is your cure. (Numbers 21; John 3)

The 4th Essential: _____. (John 3:1–8)

Have you ever wished you could start over?

How can I start over?

I. _____ can't fix you.

John 3:1–3 *Now there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews; ²this man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You have come from God as a teacher; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him."³ Jesus answered and said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."* (NASB)

1. A Pharisees
2. Nicodemus
3. A Ruler of the Jews

II. _____ can't fix you.

John 3:4–6 *Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born, can he?"⁵ Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit."* (NASB)

III. _____ can fix you.

John 3:7–8 *"Do not be amazed that I said to you, 'You must be born again.'⁸ The wind blows where it wishes and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going; so is everyone who is born of the Spirit."* (NASB)

Point: _____.



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1. Have you ever wished you could start over (in life, on a job, in a relationship, with an investment)?
2. If you could start over, how would you want to be different?
3. What do you do to try to enter God's Kingdom? What do you rely on for God's approval? What credentials? What achievements?
4. What do you think when you hear Jesus say, "You must be born again"? How does that idea scare you? How does that idea interest you?
5. When have you experienced a spiritual birth within your life? What was that like?

Take a step in faith this week:

- Pastor Todd and his wife, Margaret, are leading an 8-week **Marriage Class** for married and engaged couples starting **Wednesday, April 12 at 6:30pm**. Strengthen your relationship with improved communication, tools to resolve conflict, and developing intimacy in areas that matter most to you. For 25 years Pastor Todd has used the “Prepare/Enrich” inventory to help couples develop great marriages. Whether just getting started or married for decades, whether you have a thriving relationship or feel like it is on the rocks, we invite you to take this step to grow your best marriage. Email pastortodd@christchurchva.org to learn more.
- **Let us know you are here today.** Fill out a Connection Card every Sunday through either the Christ Church app or the Connection Card tab in the top menu bar of the Online Campus Platform ([LIVE.CHRISTCHURCHVA.ORG](https://live.christchurchva.org)).
- **Go to our weekly online bulletin** and get involved with mission and ministry this week. Use the Christ Church app, or the Resources tab* in the top menu bar of the Online Campus Platform, to access the most current edition each week. **Today’s edition:** <https://conta.cc/42iJRKi>
- Come and bring the whole family to our weekly **Wednesday Night Dinner (5:30pm) & Discipleship (6:30pm)**! Contact Pam Charbonneau at pcharbonneau@christchurchva.org to learn more about discipleship classes and groups, and to help you find the perfect one to join.
- **Sign up to serve!** Contact Bev at badams@christchurchva.org for suggestions.
- **Join us live online for Midday Prayer** at [LIVE.CHRISTCHURCHVA.ORG](https://live.christchurchva.org) each weekday at noon.

*Quick link to Connection Resources: [CHRISTCHURCHVA.ORG/CONNECT-WITH-US](https://christchurchva.org/connect-with-us)

ANSWER KEY:

4th Essential: **YOU CAN START AGAIN.**

I. **HUMAN CREDENTIALS**

II. **HUMAN STRENGTH (FLESH)**

III. **ONLY A NEW BIRTH**

Point: **THE SPIRIT INVITES YOU TO START AGAIN.**