

“BEING BORN. AGAIN.”

JOHN 3:1-13

This supplement to the morning message preached on Sunday, March 22, 2020 is designed to encourage you to dig a bit deeper into John 3:1-13 and to utilize the truths revealed to mature in your relationship with Christ. However, you must be *born again* to truly understand God’s Word.

Jesus declared, in John 3:3, *except a man be born again he cannot enter the Kingdom of God*. When Jesus spoke about new birth and salvation, He spoke as the spotless Lamb of God who would take away the sins of the world, who would give up His life so we might have life, who would shed His blood to cover our sins because the Scriptures say, *without the shedding of blood, there could be no forgiveness of sin*. Have you been “born again”?

Nicodemus was confused upon hearing these words from Jesus. He thought in terms of physical birth while Christ was talking about a spiritual birth. Jesus made it clear this new birth has nothing to do with one’s physical birth; it is the work of the Holy Spirit.

HOW WOULD YOU EXPLAIN BEING “BORN AGAIN” TO A NONBELIEVER?

- ❖ Salvation is not by **Generation**
 - You are not a Christian because you were born into a Christian home.
- ❖ Salvation is not by **Perspiration**
 - You cannot work your way into Heaven.
- ❖ Salvation is not by **Inspiration**
 - You are not saved because you had an emotional experience.
- ❖ Salvation is not by **Education**
 - You cannot learn your way into Heaven.

HAVE YOU BEEN “BORN AGAIN”?

You are not saved by saying a prayer, but by expressing faith and trust. Many people have vocalized their faith through simple prayer like this. “Father, I admit I am a sinner. I can never be good enough to earn your forgiveness. I believe Jesus died for my sins and rose from the dead. I receive Jesus into my heart through faith. Come into my life and make me new person. I love you and I will follow you for the rest of my life. Amen.”

ARE YOU FOLLOWING JESUS?

Nicodemus could talk to Jesus at night and quietly make a decision in his heart to believe in Jesus; that way it would not disrupt his comfortable and established life. Many Christians are happy to follow Jesus as long as it does not require any significant changes or have negative implications. Nicodemus quickly learned there is no way to follow Jesus without Him interfering with your life. Following Jesus will cost you something.

ACTION STEPS

As a result of hearing from the Father today, I will.....

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Spend the next few moments in prayer using the following guide>

Adoration

Confession

Thanksgiving

Supplication

Finally, send us an email to info@fcbigspring.org to:

- ❖ Let us know you are watching the livestream.
- ❖ Submit any prayer requests.
- ❖ Share a testimony of how the Lord is speaking to you through this message.