

WHOLENESS & FULLNESS OF LIFE

JOHN 3 – ERIC SIMPSON – OCTOBER 7, 2018

John 3:1-3

¹ Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a member of the Jewish ruling council. ² He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the miraculous signs you are doing if God were not with him." ³ In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again."

born of water = physical birth; born of the Spirit = spiritual birth

It's possible to be physically alive but spiritually flat-lined.

It's not what you do that dictates whether you're a part of God's family, it's who you are.

religion vs. regeneration

"When we acknowledge our sin, take complete responsibility for our guilt, and come to the Lord for healing, the point of evil loses its power to kill." – Chuck Swindoll

The wholeness and fullness of life that Jesus offers...

**comes from outside you,
brings renewal inside you,
for the sake of producing blessing beyond you.**

John 19:38-39

³⁸ Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate for the body of Jesus. Now Joseph was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly because he feared the Jews. With Pilate's permission, he came and took the body away. ³⁹ He was accompanied by Nicodemus, the man who earlier had visited Jesus at night. Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds.

"God is supremely skillful in the molding of human lives. He is no experimenter. He makes no mistakes. He never spoils His own work. The tragedy is that sometimes we arrogantly assume the role of the potter and try to shape our own lives, with disastrous results."

– J Oswald Sanders