

You Must Be Born Again John Chapter 3

The story of a Seeker, a Savior & a Selfless Servant

SEEKER, Nicodemus:

1. Rabbi, teacher of Jews
2. Pharisee: Follower of the many laws given in the Old Testament, extremely knowledgeable
3. Member of the Sanhedrin, there are only 70, powerful leader
4. Wealthy elder
5. Morally upstanding

Jesus knows his heart and concerns.

John 2: 23-25:

“Now when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover, during the feast, men believed in His name, observing His signs which he was doing.”

But Jesus, on His part, was not entrusting Himself to them, for He knew all men, and because He did not need anyone to testify concerning man, for He Himself knew what was in man.”

Acts 1:24 also tells us the Lord knows the hearts of all men.

Savior

Born Again: Greek

Born: gennao (Strong's # 1080) meaning to bring forth or regenerate

Again: anothen (Strong's # 509) meaning from above

1 Peter 1:3

“Blessed be the God and Father of the Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.”

(Phil 3:8-9 and James 1:17-180)

Born again=from above

Born of water and spirit

Ezekiel 36:24-27

“For I will take you from the nations, gather you from all the lands and bring you into your own land.

Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all the idols

Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh, I will put My spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances.”

Wind and the Holy Spirit:

Matt Carter and Josh Wredberg:

“you’re a Christian because the Spirit of God blew where he wished and he wished to blow inside your soul. He swept through your heart and brought you to life; He made you alive to God.

R. C. Sproul:

“If you have in your heart today any affection for Christ at all, it is because God the Holy Spirit in his sweetness, in his power, in his mercy and in his grace has been to the cemetery of your soul and has raised you from the dead.”

Believe: pisteuo in Greek

Means to have faith, be committed to or trust something

SELFLESS SERVANT, John the Baptist:

His coming signifies a Transition from the Old Covenant to the New Covenant.

Last prophet.

Not Jesus!

Three qualities of John the Baptist:

1. John knew his place in life was God ordained. V. 25-26

(I Cor 4:6-7, Eph. 3:7)

2. John knew J was the FRIEND of Jesus, the best man. V. 28

(Is. 54:5, Ez. 16:8)

3. John was humble. V. 30

5 reasons to accept Jesus Christ's absolute supremacy: verses 31-36

1. Christ came from heaven v. 31

2. Christ knew the truth first hand v. 32

3. Christ's testimony always agrees with God v. 33

4. Christ experienced the power of the HS without limit v. 34

5. Christ received all authority from the Father v. 35-36

John the Baptist clearly declares the sovereignty and supremacy of Jesus Christ.

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