

Ye Must Be Born Again

John 3

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INTRODUCTION

The phrase “born again” only appears 3 times in all of Scripture, yet it is perhaps the most definitive statement of the need of Salvation we have in all of Scripture.

John 3:1–21

- The use of the word “except” in verse 3 (no exception)
- The use of the word “must” in verse 7

Nicodemus sought a higher learning, but Jesus presented Himself as the one who offered new life. (vv. 1–3)

A new birth was required. A brand new life... starting over with nothing but the righteousness of Christ as his claim for salvation.

A brief outline...

- The Command (vv. 5, 7)
- The Confusion (v. 9)
- The Conditions (vv. 15–16)
- The Condemnation (vv. 18–19)

John 3:7 *Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.*

There is a call that beckons each one of you today! The call to turn to Jesus Christ in repentance and faith.

John 3:16 *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

I. A _____ Love

1 John 3:1; Romans 5:8

II. A _____ Love

Underscore the word “gave” in your Bible.

God gave Christ, not as a Conquering Hero, but as a Suffering Saviour!

- His Quest was Spiritual
- His Liberated Captives were the souls of man
- Their captors were their own sins
- His Victory was over Death and Hell

2 Corinthians 5:21 *For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.*

III. A _____ Love

John 3:17

Condemnation is rooted in Justice and Holiness... Salvation is rooted in the love of God!

1 John 4:9–10; Ephesians 2:4–5; Titus 3:4–5

Galatians 2:20 *...the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.*

IV. A _____ Love

Many earthly organizations offer much help in this life... but only Christ can give Eternal Life through the forgiveness of sins!

The Love of God is far superior in that it was willing to sacrifice that you might know that your sins are forgiven and you can be reconciled to God.

John 15:13 *Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.*

MY NOTES
