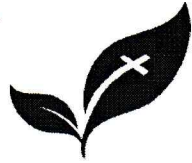


John 3:
Title: "Born Again"
Series: Salvation

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Notes: 1. Introduction

a. Natural changes

- transformation - physical states of water: solid (ice), liquid (water), gas (steam)
- metamorphosis - structural changes: caterpillar into butterfly, pollywogs into frogs

b. Christian relationship to Christ

- compared to marriage - bride
- compared to physical - Body of Christ
- compared to country - Kingdom of heaven

c. Salvation begins with new birth

- "born again" - begins new life
- 2 Cor 5:17 new creation ("creature")

1. Meaning - "Born again"

a. Nicodemus asks obvious question

- how? - Jn 3:2 possible?

b. Jesus' answer

- x born into kingdom of heaven
- * spiritual birth Jn 3:5-6
- x born of spirit of God - Jn ^{Joh 3:6} 3:6
- not natural physical re-birth

2. Born again

a. God's Spirit changes Christian's life

- compared to wind - Jn 3:8

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- can see effect of wind
- but cannot see source or cause

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- 2b. Jesus cautions Nicodemus
- Do not be surprised - Jn 3:7
 - Need to be born again
- c. Example: Zacheus in Sycamore tree
- Lk 19:8-10 changed his sinful ways
- d. Nicodemus recognized Jesus
- as teacher from God - Jn 3:2
 - saw Jesus' wonders & signs
- e. God's view
- Gal 5:22-23 inner character of good
 - 2 Cor 5:17 all things become new

3. How born again?

- a. Nicodemus asked "how" question
- Jn 3:9 Nicodemus asked how again

- b. Jesus rebuke to Nicodemus

- you teacher of Israel - Pharisee?
- Pharisees would not believe Jesus about earthly things - His witness - Jn 3:11-12, 19

- c. But Jesus witness of heavenly things - Jn 3:11, 13

- d. Jesus refers to Old Testament example

- serpent in wilderness - Jn 3:14

- Death & life - Jn 3:15-17

- Belief & disbelief - Jn 3:18, 21

- x Believe in Son of God -

- * no condemnation

- x Do not believe in name of only Son of God?

- * already condemned

- e. Jesus' witness - John 3:11, 13

- "we speak", "we know", "we see", "our witness"

- x more than 1 person's witness

- x who? where?

- * Son of Man first in heaven

- * son of Man came down from heaven

- Son of Man was not first on earth ~~to~~ (not ascended up to heaven)

- But rather Son of Man first in heaven, then came down from heaven

- God (the Father) gave His Son - Jn 3:16

- * God sent His Son, that the world might be saved through the Son

- * John 3:17