

Sermon Notes

I Believe in the Holy Spirit: Regeneration

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3:1 Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. **2** This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." **3** Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you [sing.], unless one [sing.] is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." **4** Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" **5** Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. **6** That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. **7** Do not marvel that I said to you [sing.], 'You [Plural.] must be born again.' **8** The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

9 Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" **10** Jesus answered him, "Are you [sing.] the teacher of Israel and yet you [sing.] do not understand these things? **11** Truly, truly, I say to you [sing.], we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you [Plural] do not receive our testimony. **12** If I have told you [Plural] earthly things and you [Plural] do not believe, how can you [Plural] believe if I tell you [Plural] heavenly things? **13** No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. **14** And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, **15** that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. **16** "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

Nicodemus- a public person represents Israel plural "y'all must be born again"

Israel must be born again

8th Century Northern kingdom (Samaria) conquered by Assyrians-722 God's judgment!

7th Century Southern kingdom (Jerusalem) taken captive and exiled by Babylon- 586 God's judgment!

(Is. 11:1, 2)

(Is. 42:1)

(Is. 32:12-15)

Acts 2

(Is. 44:1-4)

(Ezek. 36:22-27, 33-35; 37:1-14)

What was Jesus thinking and what was Nicodemus thinking?

How is the nation to be born again?

Excursis (sideroad): regeneration

Acts 2: 39 Titus 3 1 Cor. 6 Ephesians 5:25,26 Galatians 3:27 Romans 6:3

Hebrews 10:22

In the reformed view- God in Baptism creates a legal relationship between God and the person baptized.

What was the point of Jesus' talk with Nicodemus?

John 7:50-52 John 19:38-40

What about you?

Mark 16:15, 16