

# Born From Above

John 3:1-10

PART ONE: vv1-3

## Introduction

- 1) Chapter one was the *declaration* of His deity.
- 2) Chapter two, the *demonstration* of His deity.
- 3) Chapter three, the *dynamics* of His deity.

v1

## Nicodemus

*"a ruler of the Jews."*

John 7:45-52

John 19:38-40

v2

*"came to Jesus by night."*

*"Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God"*

*"no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him."*

v3

John 2:25

**"born again"** the Gk *gennao* The root word means, 'to procreate, give birth, conceive.'

*'born from above.'*

i.e., **the Holy Spirit must implant new spiritual life in the spiritually dead heart of man.**

Jesus offers this *dynamic* principle because Nicodemus needs to know that nothing on this earth, no system of religious ceremonialism or moralistic practice, will ever qualify anyone for entrance into heaven.

**1. Defiled & Condemned: The two-fold problem with fallen man, and his utter inability to rectify it.**

**Job effectively establishes the double quandary mankind is in:**

"Can mortal man be in the right before God? Can a man be pure before his Maker?" Job 4:17

Job 15:14

Job 25:4

All the sacrifices (human effort to be righteous) of all the people could not make them *clean* in God's eyes:

Haggai 2:11-14

Job 14:4

## **2. *Chosen by God* – Effectual Calling**

**The destiny of God's chosen people was established and sealed before time began.**

2 Timothy 1:8-9

Ephesians 1:4-5

Romans 9:11

1 Corinthians 1:23-24

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

1 Thessalonians 1:4

"Your people will offer themselves freely on the day of your power, in holy garments;" Psalm 110:3

## **3. *The dead made alive* – Regeneration**

Unless a radical transformation happens there is no heaven for us, there is no fellowship with a holy God.

Ephesians 2:4-6

Titus 3:3-5

**Regeneration is a creative miracle that God performs by bringing the spiritually dead to life.**

**To the sin-darkened spiritually dead and blind, the *Light of Life* has come.**

Matthew 4:16

**The whole redemptive enterprise is the means of God's *Reclamation Project*.**

In order to accomplish that, He must enter into a world that He created, now sullied and sin-darkened.

Matthew 1:21

God must enter into the heart of spiritually dead, blind, enemies of His in order to bring them to life.

2 Corinthians 5:17-18

**The dead come alive. The blind regain their sight. In Christ, they are *forgiven* and *cleansed* from all sin.**

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

1 John 1:9; John 1:12-13

Romans 9:16; 1 Corinthians 1:9

1 Peter 1:3; 1 Peter 2:9