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## Born & Reborn: You Should Know, But Let Me Explain

(John 3:9-17)

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### REVIEW of JOHN 3:1-8

#### 1. Jesus Goes Straight to the KEY Point

Amen, amen = Truly, truly

- No one is qualified for God's kingdom
- You cannot get there the way you are
- One has to be born – AGAIN, to see God's kingdom. ("re-birthed")

#### 2. Nicodemus: It Doesn't Compute

Nicodemus is not arguing. He's trying to make sense of what Jesus just said. It makes NO sense. He knows about birth, and there are some obvious unsolvable problems:

- How do you solve the AGE problem?
- How do you solve the TECHNICAL problem?

#### 3. Jesus: There Are TWO Births

Amen, amen

TWO BIRTHS IDENTIFIED:

- Water birth
- Spirit birth

TWO BIRTHS REQUIRED:

- Out of water AND spirit
- Both births are essential, or you are not able to go into the kingdom of God.

TWO BIRTHS EXPLAINED:

- Flesh birth (physical birth – water)
- Spirit birth (spiritual birth – spirit)

NATURE OF THE SECOND BIRTH:

Like the wind (spirit)

- The wind blows as it desires
- You can hear the wind
- You can feel the wind
- You cannot control the wind

Spiritual birth works the same way:

- Spiritual birth cannot be seen
- You can see the results of spiritual birth (people are saved)

Have YOU been born twice?

Have YOU been RE-born? RE-birthed? Born a SECOND time?

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#### 1. Religion Can Blind Us Rather Than Help Us

Practicing religion does not guarantee that you are following the truth. Religion is not an end in and of itself. Religion has to be built upon something greater than itself, something beyond man's ideas.

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#### 2. We All Have Access to the Truth

- Creation (Ps 19:1-3; Rom 1:18-21)
- Conscience (Rom 2:12-16; cp. Titus 1:15)
- Scripture (Rom 3:12-26)

#### 3. We Are to Speak and Bear Witness of the Truth

#### 4. We Are To Receive the Truth by Believing It

Nicodemus was struggling with the basic truths that Jesus was explaining.

#### 5. We Can Trust Jesus As the Most Qualified Truth Relayer

He is God the Son, and sent directly from heaven! (John 1:14)

#### 6. "For Example," an OT Illustration of the Second Birth

God's solution to man's sin & its result.

Numbers 21:4-9 – Sin → Penalty → Rescue

#### 7. The Trigger of the Second Birth

- Jesus' Part: Becoming the sacrifice (John 12:32-33)
- Our Part: Believing on the Sacrifice
- [Which Births One a Second Time]
  - Birth = Life
  - What Nicodemus really sought

#### 8. Here's a Quick Summary of the Second Birth

- God took action
- God cared for the world
- God gave His only begotten Son
  - In order that
  - Each who believes
  - Might not perish
  - But have eternal life

#### 9. Here's God's Clear Purpose in Sending Jesus

- God sent Jesus into the world
- Not to judge the world
- But to save the world
- Through Jesus

What have **you** done with Jesus?