

Born & Reborn: What Is My Part?

(John 3:18-21,36)

REVIEW of JOHN 3:1-8 – Born & Reborn: What's Required to Enter God's Kingdom?

- 1. Jesus Goes Straight to the KEY Point**
 - 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**

TWO BIRTHS IDENTIFIED (water birth & spirit birth)
TWO BIRTHS REQUIRED (you have a physical birth, but need a spiritual birth too)
TWO BIRTHS EXPLAINED (water = flesh birth; spirit = spiritual birth)
NATURE OF THE SECOND BIRTH (it is something you experience, but you don't control)
Have YOU been born twice?
Have YOU been RE-born? RE-birthed? Born a SECOND time?

Review of JOHN 3:9-17 – Born & Reborn: You Should Know, But Let Me Explain

- 1. Religion Can Blind Us Rather Than Help Us (3:9)**

Practicing religion does not guarantee that you are following the truth.
- 2. We All Have Access to the Truth (3:10)**
 - 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 (3:11)**
- 4. We Are To Receive the Truth by Believing It (3:12)**

Nicodemus was struggling with the basic truths that Jesus was explaining.
- 5. We Can Trust Jesus As the Most Qualified Truth Relayer (3:13)**

He is God the Son, and sent directly from heaven! (John 1:14)
- 6. "For Example," an OT Illustration of the Second Birth (3:14)**

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]
- 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?

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3:1-8: You Can't Get There the Way You Are (You Need a Second Birth, a Spiritual Birth)

3:9-17: God Has Provided the Way for You to Be Born Spiritually (He Gave His Son)

1. What Is My Part? (Reviewed & Clarified) – 18

YOU ARE IN ONE OF TWO GROUPS:

- GROUP #1: You Are Believing on Jesus = Not Condemned
- GROUP #2: Not Believing on Jesus = Already Condemned
Why? He Has Not Believed on Jesus
NOTE: The issue is not "election" or "sin" but unbelief.
Not "Do" (Nicodemus 3:1-8) But Believing on What Has Been Done

2. Why are people NOT born a second time? – 19

- Why wouldn't everyone believe then?
- This is the condemnation...
- People say "no" to what God says
- Because they like not being shown that their works are evil
- They reject the "Sin Problem" ...
NOTE: Not election, but rejection and rebellion.

3. How to Analyze Where You Are – 20-21

IF YOUR LIFESTYLE Is Focused on

A. *Doing What God Says Is Wrong* (practicing worthless, evil things):

- You hate the Light, God's Word
- You avoid the Light, God's Word
 - You don't like to read the Word
 - You don't like to hear the Word taught
 - You stay away from anything that exposes you to the light of God's Word

Why? Because you don't like being told or shown the evil nature of your works.

B. *Doing What God Says* (doing the truth)

- You come to the light, God's Word
- In order for God to reveal your works

4. Summary (Two Groups)

- Believing on the Son → HAS eternal life
- Not believing →
 - Will not SEE life (v.3 = see the kingdom)
 - Has the wrath of God remaining on him.

In which group are YOU?