

John pt07 - (3:1-10)

“Born Again” and the Spirit

1. John 3:1-10 – Jesus explains the necessity of being Spirit born for the kingdom
 - a. Nicodemus: Ruler of the Jews – 3:1
 - i. 3:2 - Believed that Jesus was from God, but not the the Messiah
 - b. BORN AGAIN - “except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God”
 - i. Born again: “*What is born again?*”
 1. Incorruptible seed - 1 Peter 1:23 (compare to 1 Cor 15:53)
 2. Everyone that doeth righteousness - 1 John 2:29 (Titus 3:5)
 3. Doth not commit sin – 1 John 3:9 (Rom 6:1-2)
 4. Every one that loveth – 1 John 4:7 (Titus 1:12)
 5. Whosoever who believes that Jesus is the Christ -1 John 5:1
 6. Whoever overcomes the world – 1 John 5:4
 7. The wicked one touches him not – 1 John 5:18 (Rom 3:10)
 - ii. What is the kingdom of God?
 1. The kingdom promised – Mat 6:10; Mat 7:20-23; Luk 1:33
 2. Casting out devils by the Spirit of the kingdom – Mat 12:28
 3. Rich men and the kingdom (sell everything)– Mat 19:21-24
 - iii. 3:4 – Nic questions the validity of Jesus’ remarks
 - iv. 3:5-6 – Jesus restates and defines the second birth: water and Spirit
 1. 3:6 – water is the flesh birth; not just any birth- Rom 9:3-6
 2. Think not that just because you are born... - Mat 3:9
 3. Narrow is the way – Mat 7:14; John 10:27
 - v. 3:7- “Ye must be born again” *Ye*=plural
 1. Born the first time as a nation – Exo 4:22
 2. For his name’s sake – Eze 36:22-32
 3. The holy flock - Eze 36:38
 4. The dry bones of Israel resurrected - Ezekiel 37:1-14
 5. Born of the Spirit of the New Covenant. – Heb 6:3-5
 - vi. 3:8 – marvel not; it is not another physical birth a spiritual rebirth
 1. “Taken from you and given... “ - Mat 21:43; Luke 12:32
 2. “The children of the kingdom” - Matt 8:11-12
 - c. 3:9-10 – Nic shows his ignorance
 - i. New covenant was not a mystery – Jer 31:31
 - ii. My covenant: my spirit upon them - Isa 59:20-21
 - iii. I will pour out my spirit upon them – Joel 2:28