

## **YOU MUST BE BORN AGAIN!**

Based on the command of Christ #43 – "You must be born again"

Jn. 3:1-10

1. Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a member of the Jewish ruling council.
2. He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the miraculous signs you are doing if God were not with him."
3. In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again."
4. "How can a man be born when he is old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely he cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb to be born!"
5. Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit."
6. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.
7. You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.'
8. The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."
9. "How can this be?" Nicodemus asked.
10. "You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus, "and do you not understand these things?"

John 2:23–25 - "Because of the miraculous signs Jesus did in Jerusalem at the Passover celebration, many began to trust in him. But Jesus didn't trust them, because he knew human nature. No one needed to tell him what mankind is really like."

Mt. 7:21–23 - "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, (We lived for you) did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?' Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'"

### **I. You Must Admit!**

Mt. 23:27–28 - "What sorrow awaits you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. Hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs—beautiful on the outside but filled on the inside with dead people's bones and all sorts of

impurity. Outwardly you look like righteous people, but inwardly your hearts are filled with hypocrisy and lawlessness."

Isa. 48:22 -But there is no peace for the wicked," says the LORD."

Proverbs 14:12 - "There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death."

John 6:44 - "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him..."

John 12:3 - "Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume."

Luke 7:47 - "I tell you, her sins—which were many - have been forgiven, so she has shown me much love.

Mt. 19:23– 24 - "I tell you the truth, it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."

Jn. 3:2 - ..."Rabbi, we know you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the miraculous signs you are doing if God were not with him."

## **II. You Must Believe!**

Lk. 1:38 - "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May it be to me as you have SAID."

John 1:1 - In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

"Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit.

*Hint #1 - Unless a person is born of water and the Spirit.*

(A) Special circumstances do not change truth.

(B) A C-Section does not take away the point that "One must not only be physically born to be in God's kingdom."

(C) The amniotic fluid is still what the child is born from even in the case of C-Sections.

*Hint #2 - Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.*

Jer. 13:23 – “Can the Ethiopian change his skin (color) or the leopard its spots? Neither can you do good who are accustomed to doing evil.”

Genesis 6:3 - “Then the LORD said, “My Spirit will not contend with man forever, for he is flesh; his days will be a hundred and twenty years.”

Flesh = fallen, corrupted, sinful.

Jer. 17:9 - “The human heart is the most deceitful of all things, and desperately wicked. Who really knows how bad it is?”

### **III. You Must Relinquish Control!**

Jesus says in...

Jn. 3:8 - “The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”

Mt. 24:9-13

9. "Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of me."
10. At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other,
11. and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people.
12. Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold,
13. but he who stands firm to the end will be saved.

Mt. 10:22 - All men will hate you because of me, but he who stands firm to the end will be saved.

1 Cor. 1:8-9

8. He will keep you strong to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
9. God, who has called you into fellowship with his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful.

Jn. 3:16-18

16. "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.
17. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.
18. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

