

Jesus and Nicodemus

Believing Precedes Understanding

John 3: 1 Now there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews;

2 this man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You have come from God as a teacher; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him."

3 Jesus answered and said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."

4 Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born, can he?"

5 Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of ~~water and the Spirit~~ water, **that is, Holy Spirit**, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

Titus 3:5 He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by ~~the~~ Holy Spirit

Matthew 19:28 And Jesus said to them, "Truly I say to you, that you who have followed Me, in the regeneration when the Son of Man will sit on His glorious throne, you also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

8 "The wind blows where it wishes and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going; so is everyone who is born of the Spirit."

9 Nicodemus said to Him, "How can these things be?"

10 Jesus answered and said to him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and do not understand these things?"

Ezekiel 36:25-27 Then I will sprinkle clean water on you... I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you . . .
I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes

12 "If I told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things?"

14-16 *{no quotation marks as these are John's words, not Jesus'}* As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up; so that whoever believes ~~will~~ in Him **will** have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever ~~believes~~ **trusts** in Him shall not ~~perish~~ **come apart**, but have eternal life.

John 7:50-51 Nicodemus (he who came to Him before, being one of them) said to them, "Our Law does not judge a man unless it first hears from him and knows what he is doing, does it?"

John 19:39 Nicodemus, who had first come to Him by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds weight.

John 19:40 So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen wrappings with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews.

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.

Ephesians 4:22 & 24 ... in reference to your former manner of life, you ~~lay aside~~ **take off**
the old self . . . and put on the new self