

Sermon Notes

You Must Be Born Again by the Spirit

John 3:1-13

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There may be Q&A at the end as time allows. So note your questions.

3:1-3 Jesus tells Nic, unless one is born again he is not able to see the kingdom of God.

The kingdom of God is a spiritual realm a person enters into, which culminates in entering heaven, but we can enter into it now metaphysically, spiritually.

You must be spiritually born, re-born, from God, to be part of and experience God's kingdom.

4:4-6 This new birth of humans is the work of the Spirit of God.

The Spirit of God has to come into a person and make them new, give them spiritual birth into God's spiritual kingdom.

(ref.: Titus 3:5, 1 Corinthians 6:11)

(Context is important for interpretation.)

3:7-8 In his astonishment, over this new spiritual truth, Nic shouldn't doubt what Jesus is saying - you-all must be born again.

The work of the Spirit may be mystifying to people, but the Spirit of God works according to the will of God, and we can experience His work.

3:9-13 Nic, and others, were not believing Jesus' firsthand testimony about spiritual realities He knows, as one who has come from heaven.

[Have you been religious, and yet not become a member of the kingdom of God, through faith in Jesus?](#)

[Will you trust God, that the power of the Holy Spirit is real, and trust that if you try to pay attention to the Spirit, as you walk through life, that He will lead you - lead you out of sin, and into things that God wants for you - and empower you to succeed?](#)
(Reading on walking with the Spirit: Gal. 5:16-25, Rom. 8:5-14)

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