John Lesson 7

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INTRODUCTION

- Have you been born again? Are you a born again Christian? Well, the answer to those questions are really very vital to your salvation.
- In our lesson today from John chapter 3, we're going to see the answer that Jesus gave to the question, How can a man be born again?

1 Nicodemus Came to Jesus by Night

John 3:1–2; John 7:50

- There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. The same came to Jesus by night.
- Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God, for no man can do these miracles that thou doest except God be with him.
- The Bible kind of miracles were those works, those powerful works, that man could not do, only God could do.
- They were as signs and they were as wonders from God, as bearing testimony. They were God's certificate of approval.

2 Except a Man Be Born Again

2 Samuel 7:12–16; Daniel 2:44–45; Mark 1:15

- Jesus answered and said unto him, ... except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.
- Every Jew was looking forward to the kingdom. In fact, the kingdom of God had been prophesied many years before.
- The Roman Empire was the fourth kingdom from the time of Nebuchadnezzar. And it is the appropriate time according to Scriptures.
- The time is fulfilled. The kingdom is at hand. Repent ye and believe the gospel.

3 A Spiritual Kingdom Entered by a Spiritual Birth

John 18:36; Colossians 1:13–14; Revelation 5:9–10

- Jesus Christ did not come to establish an earthly kingdom. He came to establish a spiritual kingdom on the earth.
- Just as the kingdom itself is spiritual, so we enter it by a spiritual birth.
- My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight that I should not be delivered to the Jews.
- If you've been born again, you are a citizen in God's kingdom under the rule of Christ.

4 Born of Water: Water Baptism

Matthew 28:19; Acts 10:47–48; 1 Peter 3:20–21

- Whenever you read in the Bible about water and salvation, it talks about baptism.
- Water baptism is commanded. It is commissioned, it is exemplified throughout the Word of God.
- Baptism doth also now save us. Not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God by the resurrection of Jesus Christ.
- Baptism is an act of faith. It must come from the heart of the believer.

5 Born of the Spirit, Begotten by the Word

1 Peter 1:22–23; John 16:13; James 1:21

- This birth in the very grammar of John 3 and verse 5 has two elements of the one birth.
- Being born again, not a corruptible seed, but of incorruptible by the word of God which liveth and abideth forever.
- The word of God is in our hands today because of the work of the Holy Spirit.
- You can buy the finest of Bibles and sleep on it every night, and it won't save you unless you hear it and respond to it.
- Tongues were not a sign of salvation. They were a gift, a miraculous gift of the Holy Spirit, enabling disciples to speak the word to other people.

6 How You Can Be Born of Water and the Spirit

Romans 10:17; Romans 6:3–4; 1 Corinthians 12:13

- Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.
- We're buried with him by baptism into death. That like as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.
- By one Spirit are we all baptized into one body. By the instruction of the Spirit, we obey.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Have you been born again? I hope that you will be, if you haven't already.**

MY NOTES