



## YOU MUST BE BORN AGAIN

JOHN 3:1-10

*Nicodemus' three appearances;*

### **JOHN 7:50-52**

<sup>50</sup> Nicodemus, who had gone to him before, and who was one of them, said to them, <sup>51</sup> "Does our law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?" <sup>52</sup> They replied, "Are you from Galilee too? Search and see that no prophet arises from Galilee."

### **JOHN 19:39**

<sup>39</sup> Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight.

*'By night';*

### **JOHN 9:4**

<sup>4</sup> We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; *night is coming*, when no one can work.

### **JOHN 11:10**

<sup>10</sup> But if anyone *walks in the night*, he stumbles, because the light is not in him."

### **JOHN 13:30**

<sup>30</sup> So, after receiving the morsel of bread, he immediately went out. *And it was night.*

*The "faith" of Nicodemus;*

### **MATTHEW 12:24**

<sup>24</sup> But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, "It is only by Beelzebul, the prince of demons, that this man casts out demons."

*New birth: a central theme for John;*

### **1 JOHN 2:29**

<sup>29</sup> If you know that he is righteous, you may be sure that everyone who practices righteousness has been *born of him*.

### **1 JOHN 3:9**

<sup>9</sup> No one *born of God* makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him; and he cannot keep on sinning, because he has been *born of God*.

### **1 JOHN 4:7**

<sup>7</sup> Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been *born of God* and knows God.

### **1 JOHN 5:1**

<sup>1</sup> Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been *born of God*, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been *born of him*.

### **1 JOHN 5:4**

<sup>4</sup> For everyone who has been *born of God* overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.

### **1 JOHN 5:18**

<sup>18</sup> We know that everyone who has been *born of God* does not keep on sinning, but he who was born of God protects him, and the evil one does not touch him.

*The necessity of the new birth:*

**JOB 14:4**

<sup>4</sup> Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? There is not one.

**PSALM 51:5**

<sup>5</sup> Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.

**ROMANS 5:19**

<sup>19</sup> *For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners*, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

—Born of Water and Spirit—

*The Scriptures taught that the people of God should expect to be begotten by the Father;*

**EXODUS 4:22**

<sup>22</sup> Then you shall say to Pharaoh, 'Thus says the LORD, *Israel is my firstborn son.*

**DEUTERONOMY 32:6**

<sup>6</sup> Do you thus repay the LORD, you foolish and senseless people? *Is not he your father*, who created you, who made you and established you?

**HOSEA 11:1**

<sup>1</sup> When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt *I called my son.*

*The Scriptures taught that the Spirit of God was a life-giving Spirit, and the people of God should expect that this life would be 'poured' into them;*

**GENESIS 6:3**

<sup>3</sup> Then the LORD said, "*My Spirit shall not abide in man forever*, for he is flesh: his days shall be 120 years."

**JOEL 2:28**

<sup>28</sup> "And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will *pour out my Spirit on all flesh...*

**ISAIAH 44:3**

<sup>3</sup> For I will *pour water on the thirsty land*, and streams on the dry ground; I will *pour my Spirit upon your offspring*, and my blessing on your descendants.

**EZEKIEL 39:29**

<sup>29</sup> And I will not hide my face anymore from them, when *I pour out my Spirit* upon the house of Israel, declares the Lord GOD."

*The Scriptures taught that 'water' was a figurative means of teaching of the renewal and cleansing brought by the life-giving Spirit;*

**EZEKIEL 36:25-27**

<sup>25</sup> *I will sprinkle clean water on you*, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. <sup>26</sup> And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. <sup>27</sup> And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

See also: Num. 19:17–19; Ps. 51:9–10; Is. 32:15; 44:3–5; 55:1–3; Jer. 2:13; 17:13; Ezek. 47:9; Joel 2:28–29; Zech. 14:8