

UNLESS A MAN IS BORN AGAIN

John 3:1-15

Key Verse: 3:3

In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again."

1. Who was Nicodemus? (1) In what sense was he a successful man? (1,10; 19:39) Why do you think he came to Jesus at night? What did he believe about Jesus? What was the basis of his belief? Why was Jesus not satisfied with such faith? (cf. 2:23-25)
2. According to Jesus' answer, what did Nicodemus need? (3) What was his real problem? What was his response to Jesus' teaching? (4) What does this reflect about his inner life and way of thinking?
3. Look at Jesus' explanation of the new birth. (5-9) What does it mean to be born again? (6, 1Co 2:14) How can a man be born again? (5) Why is this necessary? (Eph 2:3)
4. What is the evidence that shows one's new birth? (8; Gal 5:22) Why is Jesus uniquely qualified to tell about heavenly things? (11-13) What can Nicodemus do in order to have eternal life? (11-12)
5. What does the incident of Moses and the bronze snake teach about faith? (cf. Nu 21:4-9) What does Jesus mean when he says, "... so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life"? What is the connection between Jesus and the bronze snake?
6. What does this passage teach us about how one can be truly happy?