

# The Necessity Of Regeneration: John 3:1-7

Introduction:

**John 2:23-25**

Many believed. Many saw His signs. Jesus was not trusting men. He knew all men. He knew what was in man.

**1 Kings 8:39**

**Jeremiah 17:9-10**

This mornings text: **John 3:1-7**

**V. 1** Nicodemus (only spoken of in this Gospel) stands as the representative of the old religion. In John 7- Speaks up for Jesus at an arrest attempt. In John 19- Helps Joseph of Arimathea at the burial

**V. 2** Much speculation on the reason for the visit at night. Symbolism involved. Nicodemus addresses Jesus as Rabbi- and recognizes Him as a legitimate teacher. The “we know” may indicate that Nicodemus has been sent by a group of Pharisees of maybe he is just indicating that there are others who have been persuaded by His signs. He recognizes the signs that He is doing as signs that point to God.

**V. 3** Jesus gets right to the heart of the matter and goes straight to the heart. Amen, Amen- Truly. Truly  
You must be born again or remain blind.  
Without spiritual eyes you cannot see the Kingdom  
The Kingdom concept in the Gospel

“To a Jew with the background and convictions of Nicodemus, ‘to see the kingdom of God’ was to participate in the kingdom at the end of the age, to experience eternal, resurrection life.” ~D.A Carson

**V. 4** For a man like Nicodemus, entering the kingdom of God did not have to do with the transformation of an individual’s character but with participation in the resurrection life of the new order God would powerfully bring about at the end of history.

It is very important to see the “Now and Not Yet” aspects of the Kingdom of God!

Nicodemus proving his blindness. Reasoning physically not spiritually.

**V. 5.** The new birth, regeneration is reemphasized continually in this conversation and throughout the NT: **John 3:3, 5, 7**

**Tit. 3:5; 1 Pet. 1:3, 23; 1 Jn. 2:29; 3:9; 4:7; 5:1, 4, 18.**

**V.6-** The dichotomy of our nature: Flesh and Spirit, Body and Soul

2 births, 2 Kingdoms

Kingdom of man, Kingdom of God

Regeneration: Salvation is the translation from our fallen state to our eternal destiny.

Out of the Kingdom of man into the Kingdom of God.

**Ezekiel 36:16-22**

**V. 7-** Do not marvel that I said You must be born again:

Don't let your nature prevent you from seeing the truth!