## **GOOD NEWS!**

## Jesus' Amazing Encounter with Nicodemus

John 3:1-16 & Various Scriptures

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## **Bottom Line:**

The good news of Jesus Christ is simple and powerful, offering forgiveness and eternal life to all those who receive it!

1. Everlasting Error: "I gain eternal life because of my

". John 3:1

**Pharisees** Sadducees • Overemphasized the law Liberal group according and value of following it to the Pharisees • Law = salvation Only believed in the first five books of the Old Added human Testament requirements to the Law and placed them on par Tended to be the wealthy, with the Law ruling group • Frequent "run-ins" with Did not believe in the Jesus resurrection from the dead.

2. Everlasting Error: "I gain eternal life because of my

behavior". John 3:1,10

3. Everlasting Error: "I gain eternal life because of my

John 3:1-2

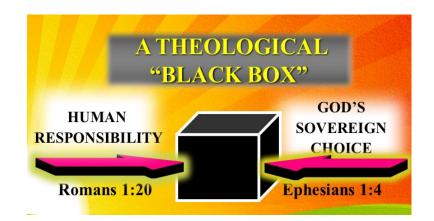
4. Everlasting Truth: "I must be born and

("born again") to gain eternal life.

John 3:4-16

A. Being made alive spiritually is an awesome

of the of God. Iohn 3:4-8



B. Being made alive spiritually is an awesome \_\_\_\_\_ that

comes by belief (\_\_\_\_\_\_) in Jesus Christ. John 3:9-16

## John 3:16

For God.....(the greatest Being) so loved.....(the greatest affection) the world.....(the greatest need) that He gave......(the greatest gift) His only Son.....(the greatest sacrifice) that whoever......(the greatest offer) believes in Him......(the greatest choice) should not perish......(the greatest death) but have eternal life.....(the greatest place)