

# The Origin of Faith

**Text:** “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born from above he cannot see the kingdom of God.” (John 3:3)

**Catechism Question 65:** It is by faith alone that we share in Christ and all His benefits: where then does that faith come from?

**Answer:** The Holy Spirit works it in our hearts by the preaching of the holy gospel and confirms it by the use of the holy sacraments.

## Intro: Our problem; God’s solution

Our problem: a bad \_\_\_\_\_; a bad \_\_\_\_\_; a bad \_\_\_\_\_

God’s solution: a new \_\_\_\_\_; a new \_\_\_\_\_; a new \_\_\_\_\_

## I. Regeneration

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Canons of Dordt head 3/4, article 11

## II. Our Text

Faith in John 2

Nicodemus’ question:

Jesus’ answer:

Nicodemus’ misunderstanding:

Jesus' clarification:

The truth:

### **III. Born from Above**

Verse 6:

Verse 8:

### **IV. Why a Birth?**

1.

2.

### **Application 1: Faith & Regeneration**

Canons of Dordt head 3/4, article 10

### **Application 2: Gratitude**

Life in the Spirit

### **Application 3: Prayer**

hope