



“N—New Life (Born-Again)” John 3:1-16

The Christian life is not about becoming a “NICE” person but about becoming a “NEW” person. It is not a morally restrained will (Self-improvement/Self-help/How-to) but a supernaturally transformed heart. The Christian life is not a call to morality and religion but a call to repent and believe in Christ Jesus (Mark1:15). It is about being Born-Again.

Why Do I Need It?

- To see the Kingdom of God. vv1-3; Eph4:18; 2Cor4:3-6; 1Cor2:10-14; Nicodemus vv1-2, 10; v7 must be Born-Again!
- To enter the Kingdom of God. vv4-6; Ps103:19; Mark1:15; Rom14:17; Matt13:44

What Is It?

- It is Spiritual. vv4-6; Ezek36:24-27; Titus3:5; Eph5:26; John1:12-13; John6:63; 1Pet1:23; James1:18
- It is Mystical. v8; Ezek37
- It is Experiential. vv9-13; John14:16, 16:14; Eph1:16-19

How Do I Get It?

- Christ must die. v14; Numbers21:4-9; 2Cor5:17-21
- We must believe. V15; Eph2:8-9; Heb11:1, 6; John6:35

What Difference Will It Make? v16

Have you been Born-Again? How do I know?

- You realize how Lost and how Loved you are. Rom5:8
- You come to Christ not because He’s useful but because He’s beautiful. Ps27:4; Phil3:8
- You will live a Cross-Shaped life full of Humble Confidence. 1Cor1:18; Gal6:14; Rom12:1-2

Growing Notes

- 1) The Christian life is not about becoming a “NICE” person but about becoming a “NEW” person. Explain (see intro to sermon). Are the connotations around this phrase, of being Born-Again, in our culture negative or positive? Explain.
- 2) Read John 3:1-16. What stands out to you from this text? What is the big idea of this text (Subject)? What is he saying about the big idea of the text (Explanation)?
- 3) Why do we need to be Born-Again (vv3, 5)? Why was Jesus so emphatic (v7) when you consider the kind of person Nicodemus was (vv1-2, 10 education/religion/discipline)? You can never be too good (John3) or too bad (John4) to be Born-Again. Explain.
- 4) What is it (vv4-13)? Review the 3 points along with cross references under this heading. In your own words what does it mean to be Born-Again?
- 5) How do I get it (vv14-15)? What does it mean that “whoever believes in Him has eternal life”? What difference will it make (v16)? Review the three points along with cross references under this heading. Are you Born-Again? For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved (Rom10:9-10, 13). Pray.