

John #14

2:23-3:10

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“You Must Be Born Again” Pt. II

Intro: After reading in the first two chapters how the disciples believed _____ to be the _____ and began to follow after Him, it seems quite odd to many when they read at the close of chapter two that there were people in Jerusalem who upon witnessing His signs believed in His name, but that He did not entrust Himself to them.

A. To give _____ as to why Jesus did not entrust Himself to those who had seen the signs and believed in His name, John the Beloved as moved by the _____ went on to tell the story of Nicodemus. Nicodemus is an example of those who believed in Jesus name, but whom Jesus did not entrust Himself to.

I. A Pharisee named Nicodemus _____ to talk _____.

A. Nicodemus respectfully tried to _____ Jesus by addressing Him as a Rabbi (_____).

1. He said that he and others _____ that Jesus had come _____.

a. They believed that Jesus had come from God as a teacher and as one whom God was with because of the signs He worked. In humanly believing in His name because of His signs, they _____ the _____ of who He really was - the Christ, the Son of the Living God, God very God Himself.

II. _____ Nicodemus.

A. Jesus told Nicodemus that unless one is _____, they cannot see the kingdom of God (gain _____).

B. Nicodemus wanted to know _____ one could be _____ again.

1. Nicodemus recognized that what Jesus said (that one must be born again to see the kingdom of God) was humanly _____.

C. Jesus answered by affirming that it is humanly impossible _____ a _____ to be born again, but to enter into eternal life one must be born of water and the Spirit.

1. When Jesus speaks of being “born of water and the Spirit” He is not speaking of two different, but of _____ and the same _____, the _____ - being born again.

2. When Jesus speaks of being born of water and the Spirit, He is talking about the new birth which takes place, Titus 3:5, “by the washing of regeneration and _____ by the Holy Spirit,” which is spoken of by the prophet Ezekial! Ezekial 36:25-27, “... _____ sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; _____ cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. 26 “Moreover, _____ give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and

_____ remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. 27 "And _____ put My Spirit within you and _____ to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances."

D. When Jesus says "You _____ be born again" (in verse 7), He is affirming the _____ necessity of the spiritual second birth that can take place only by the _____ of God according to the will of God.

1. Jesus told Nicodemus not to be confounded by the truth of the second birth, but to _____.
2. Like the wind that blows as _____, so are those who are born again, born again by the Spirit of God as _____.
3. As one commentator writes, "... Nicodemus still could not accept what he was hearing. He could not let go of his legalistic religious system and realize that salvation was a sovereign, _____ of God's Spirit." So, he asks, "How can these things be?"
4. Though the following verses seem to indicate that Nicodemus did not come to saving faith that night, later in 7:50-51 & 19:38-39, it appears that at some point, by the Sovereign will of God, that Nicodemus _____ come to _____ that Jesus was more than a mere teacher sent from God whom God was with, but that He was the Christ, the Son of the living God! Who can say? The Spirit of God moves as God wills. To _____ all the _____!

Closing: Dear family, consider Matt 16:13-18, "Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, He began asking His disciples, saying, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" 14 And they said, "Some say John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; but still others, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets." 15 He said to them, "But _____ say that I am?" 16 And Simon Peter answered and said, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." 17 And Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Barjona, because _____ and blood _____ reveal this to you, but My _____ who _____ in heaven."

Now, beloved, who do you say that Jesus is? If you say anything less than that _____, then be careful to consider whether or not your faith be of God. But if you do say that Jesus is Lord and your life follows that confession, then _____, for flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but the Father who is in heaven, for by the Sovereign grace of God as He promised long ago through the prophet Ezekial, _____ have been _____ "by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit. To God be the glory!

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