

## The Need of the Moral – Life's Regenerating

### John 3

#### I. Born of the Spirit

Regeneration by the divine Spirit in the human spirit

**John 3:1-9** But there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> This one came to Him by night and said to Him, Rabbi, we know that You have come from God as a teacher, for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him. <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered and said to him, Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless one is born anew, he cannot see the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup> Nicodemus said to Him, How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born, can he? <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. <sup>6</sup> That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup> Do not marvel that I said to you, You must be born anew. <sup>8</sup> The wind blows where it wills, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from and where it goes; so is everyone who is born of the Spirit. <sup>9</sup> Nicodemus answered and said to Him, How can these things be?

#### II. The bronze serpent

Satan's evil nature in man's flesh being judged on the cross through the death of Christ in the form of the serpent that the believers may have eternal life

**John 3:14-18** And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> That everyone who believes into Him may have eternal life. <sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that everyone who believes into Him would not perish, but would have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him. <sup>18</sup> He who believes into Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe has been condemned already, because he has not believed into the name of the only begotten Son of God.

**Numbers 21:5-9** And the people spoke against God and against Moses, Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and there is no water and our soul loathes this light bread. <sup>6</sup> Then Jehovah sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. <sup>7</sup> And the people came to Moses and said, We have sinned, because we have spoken against Jehovah and against you; pray to Jehovah, that He may take away the serpents from us. So Moses prayed for the people. <sup>8</sup> Then Jehovah said to Moses, Make a fiery serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live. <sup>9</sup> And Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on the pole; and if a serpent had bitten any man, when he looked at the bronze serpent, he lived.

**Romans 8:3** For that which the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God, sending His own Son in the likeness of the flesh of sin and concerning sin, condemned sin in the flesh

**2 Corinthians 5:21** Him who did not know sin He made sin on our behalf that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

### III. The bridegroom and bride

The regenerated people becoming the bride of Christ as His increase

**John 3:29-30** He who has the bride is the bridegroom; but the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices with joy because of the bridegroom's voice. This joy of mine therefore is made full.

<sup>30</sup> He must increase, but I must decrease.

### IV. Immeasurable Spirit

The immeasurable Son of God for man's believing unto eternal life

**John 3:31-34** He who comes from above is above all; he who is from the earth is of the earth and speaks out of the earth. He who comes from heaven is above all. <sup>32</sup> What He has seen and heard, of this He testifies, and no one receives His testimony. <sup>33</sup> He who receives His testimony has sealed that God is true.

<sup>34</sup> For He whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for He gives the Spirit not by measure.

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#### Practice leading someone to the Lord to be regenerated

1. **John 1:12-13** But as many as received Him, to them He gave the authority to become children of God, to those who believe into His name, <sup>13</sup> Who were begotten not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

Emphasize believing is receiving, children of God, and begotten of God

2. **John 3:3-5** Jesus answered and said to him, Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless one is born anew, he cannot see the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup> Nicodemus said to Him, How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born, can he? <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

Emphasize born anew and born of water and the Spirit

3. **Romans 10:9-10** That if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; <sup>10</sup> For with the heart there is believing unto righteousness, and with the mouth there is confession unto salvation.

Emphasize Jesus raised from the dead (He is alive now) and confessing Jesus as Lord

#### Sample prayer:

Father God, thank You for creating me.  
Thank You for sending Your son Jesus Christ.  
Lord Jesus, I am a sinner.  
I need You.  
Thank You for dying for me.  
Lord Jesus, forgive me.  
Cleanse me from all my sins.  
I believe You rose from the dead.  
I receive You right now as my Savior and life.  
Come into me! Fill me with Your life!  
Lord Jesus, I give myself to You for Your purpose.