You Must Be Born Again

John 3:1-21

Introduction:

I. The World’s Greatest Calamity – 3:1-10

A. Nicodemus and His Belief – 3:1-2

1. Who he was – 3:1

“There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews.”

2﻿. What he Said – 3:2

“This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, “Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for ﻿﻿no one can do these signs that You do unless ﻿﻿God is with him.”

B. Nicodemus and His Blindness – 3:3-8

1. The Need for the New Birth was Expressed to Him – 3:3-5

“Jesus answered and said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, ﻿﻿unless one is born ﻿﻿again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.” Nicodemus said to Him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Most assuredly, I say to you, ﻿﻿unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.”

2. The Need for the New Birth was Explained to Him – 3:6-8

a. Different worlds – 3:6-7

“That which is born of the flesh is ﻿﻿flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ﻿Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.”

b. Different winds – 3:8

“The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

C. Nicodemus and His Bewilderment – 3:9-10

“Nicodemus answered and said to Him, ﻿﻿“How can these things be?” Jesus answered and said to him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and do not know these things? Most assuredly, I say to you, We speak what We know and testify what We have seen, and ﻿﻿you do not receive Our witness.”

II. The World’s Greatest Certainty – 3:11-15

A. The Secret of Salvation – 3:11-12

1. Great Facts are Revealed – 3:11

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“Most assuredly, I say to you, We speak what We know and testify what We have seen, and ﻿﻿you do not receive Our witness.”

2. Great Faith is Required – 3:12

“If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things?”

B. The Source of Salvation – 3:13

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“No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, *that is,* the Son of Man ﻿﻿{who is in heaven}.”

C. The Simplicity of Salvation – 3:14-15

“And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so ﻿﻿must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever ﻿﻿believes in Him should ﻿﻿not perish but ﻿﻿have eternal life.”

III. The World’s Greatest Content – 3:16

﻿﻿“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten ﻿﻿Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”

IV. The World’s Greatest Questions – 3:17-21

A. Why Did Jesus Come – 3:17

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“For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.”

B. Whom Does Jesus Condemn – 3:18-19

1. The Reality of the Condemnation – 3:18

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“He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.” (See v. 23)

2. The Reason for the Condemnation – 3:19

“And this is the condemnation, ﻿﻿that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.”

C. What Does Jesus Contrast – 3:20-21

1. He Exposes Evil – 3:20

For ﻿﻿everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. ﻿

2.He Explains Truth – 3:21

But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been ﻿﻿done in God.”

Conclusion