

The New Life (Nicodemus)

John 3:1-21

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Text for message:

In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again." "How can a man be born when he is old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely he cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb to be born!"

—John 3:3-4

Two sides of Salvation.

Two sides of being a Christian.

Justification_____

Regeneration_____

1. Justification

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." —John 3:16

God's eternal law

"This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil." —John 3:19

Romans 6:23_____

Romans 3:23_____

2 Corinthians 5:21_____

Romans 5:1_____

The Christian life lived legally

Salvation *is fire insurance, having a ticket to heaven.*

Assurance *is knowing who is and isn't going to heaven.*

Prayer *is trying to force or require God to give us good things.*

Good deeds *is demonstrate we truly have faith.*

2. Born again

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The Christian life lived relationally

Salvation is *eternal life that begins now.*

Assurance is *knowing and being known by a loving Savior.*

Prayer is *getting to know God better and falling more deeply in love with Jesus.*

Good deeds *are allowing Jesus to live through me.*

Christ in us the Hope of Glory

“To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.”
—Colossians 1:27

John 1:12 _____

Romans 8:14-15 _____

2 Corinthians 5:5 _____

3. Nicodemus

“Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a member of the Jewish ruling council.” —John 3:1

10 Commandments, (Exodus 20:1-17)

613 Commands in the Torah, (Genesis—Deuteronomy)

The Mishnah—an early form of the Jewish oral law or tradition that became known as the *"fence"* or *"hedge"* around the written law.

4. Jesus

“In reply Jesus declared, “I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again.” —John 3:3

Jesus summarized the 10 in 2, *“Love God and Neighbor”* (Luke 10:27)

One New Commandment was given at the Last Supper,
“Love one another as I have loved you.” (John 13:35)

Jesus calls you ... me to Himself. Matthew 11:28, John 10:3-4, Revelations 3:20