

## ENCOUNTER JESUS #6: John 3:1-21 REBORN BY GOD'S SPIRIT

WORST THING GOING AWAY TO PART COLLEGE BA ROOM – CHRISTIAN IS BAD BORN AGAIN INTOLLERABLE – because they're crazy – about **JESUS FREAKS**

- But was my perception right? is there a difference Xian-BA?

**MP: Being 'born- again' isn't a select category in Christianity reserved for the overzealous Jesus freak. It is a description of what really happens to every person who truly believes in Jesus and chooses to be His follower.**

**Being born again is the best way to describe your Christianity. SHEER NECESSITY**

- Vast majority claim to be Christian – evident most aren't BORN AGAIN

Having the name Christian is not the same as having the nature of a Christian. CH Spurg

### **YOU CAN'T HAVE GOD WITHOUT BEING BORN AGAIN**

EXCLUSIVE TERMINOLOGY (bristle) – IF YOU WANT GOD – **ILLUSTRATE**

KINGDOM OF GOD? God's universal reign relationship over your soul in love

Nicodemus was at the pinnacle of his religious system/Saul of Tarsus (**STHNG PASS**)

- NOT ENOUGH – NIC YOU NEED MORE/SOMETHING ELSE

religious knowledge – church makes you feel good – identify xians – making up 4 NONE

Jesus's insistence on being born again silences human centered efforts to reach God.

### **BEING BORN AGAIN REQUIRES WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN YOUR LIFE**

NIC STRUGGLES (flesh) – SPIRIT – Jesus uses metaphors/OT stories

HOLY SPIRIT WIND – 2 Births (physical and spiritual) – **SHOULD HAVE GOT IT**

Joel 2:28 It will come to pass afterward that I will pour my spirit out on all flesh.

Ezekiel 36:26 I will give you a new heart, a new spirit I will put in you.

While the Holy Spirit is invisible the evidence of His working is plain to see.

- Trees bend/leaves rustle/waves build/THERE'S THE SOUND
- Spiritual rebirth comes thru HS Not spiritism, New Ageism, **not being spiritual**

REGENERATION – creation (desolate and void) – spiritu dead – discon (**WHEN SPIRIT**)

Titus 3:4 But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, <sup>5</sup>he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, <sup>6</sup>whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, <sup>7</sup>so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

1 Peter 1:3 **He has caused us** to be born again to a living hope **through** the resurrection of Jesus Christ

### **THE WORK OF THE SPIRIT ONLY COMES THROUGH BELIEVING IN JESUS**

WHY SON OF MAN CAME – not asc/desc – THE SON CAME – FOR THIS SP REBIRTH

Not to....

**YOU KNOW..MOSES AND THE SERPENT - STORY (bitten with sin, dying, rescued if)**

JESUS SPEAKING: These are his words **THE HIGH POINT MOMENT ISRAEL**

- **WHAT GOD GAVE** – HIS SON – HE HAD TO – NO OTHER SOLUTION SIN
- **WHY GOD GAVE** – BECAUSE OF LOVE – DRIVEN BY LOVE HUMANITY
- **WHAT GOD GAVE FOR** – FOR SALVATION – ETERNAL LIFE - RESCUE
  - o God did it all for you – leaves you with the responsibility of real belief

**BELIEVE:** Determining something is true and committing your whole life to it.

I'm staking my life, placing my hope, committing myself to Jesus...

A real faith response to Jesus is what activates the Spirit's regenerating work in you.

**WITHOUT FAITH IN JESUS YOU REMAIN CONDEMNED IN YOUR SINS**

THE OTHER SIDE: OFTEN REMAINS UNTOLD

- Condemned: slated for eternal destruction – **WITHOUT GOD**
- To deny Jesus is to deny God's gift – his outstretched hand

Rom 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

At the end of the day rejecting Jesus is not a purely intellectual issue. It's a sin issue.

- **YOU MAKE THE CHOICE TO LIVE IN THE DARKNESS OR IN THE LIGHT**

Sin is the issue – unbelief – unrighteousness – stubbornness – wickedness evil - pride

Two battleships assigned to the training squadron had been at sea on maneuvers in heavy weather for several days. I was serving on the lead battleship and was on watch on the bridge as night fell. The visibility was poor with patchy fog, so the captain remained on the bridge keeping an eye on all activities. Shortly after dark, the lookout on the wing reported, "Light, bearing on the starboard bow." "Is it steady or moving astern?" the Captain called out. The lookout replied, "Steady, Captain," which meant we were on a dangerous collision course with that ship. The captain then called to the signalman, "Signal that ship: 'We are on a collision course, advise you change course twenty degrees.'" Back came the signal, "Advisable for you to change course twenty degrees." The captain said, "Send: 'I'm a Captain, change course twenty degrees.'" "I'm a Seaman Second-Class," came the reply. "You had better change course twenty degrees." By that time the Captain was furious. He spat out, "Send: 'I'm a battleship. Change course twenty degrees.'" Back came the flashing light, "I'm a lighthouse." We changed course.