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The Gospel of John

You Must Be Born Again

John 3:1-15

Who is the most religious person you know? Why? Did you list all their external religious credentials? John 3 records a conversation between Jesus and Nicodemus. Nicodemus has all the religious credentials necessary to be called a devout follower of God. However, all his credentials are based on external works. Jesus tells Nicodemus external religious credentials are not enough to gain entrance into the kingdom of God. Jesus emphatically states the only way anyone can enter the kingdom of God is to be born again.

**Additional Verses:**

Numbers 21:4-9

Ezekiel 36:22-32

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

2 Corinthians 5:21

**Outline:**

1. Religious credentials are not enough to save.

2. Salvation only comes through a new birth.

3. Jesus secures our new birth.

**Study Questions:**

1. What are your religious credentials? Why are they not enough to see the kingdom of God?

2. How can night be a descriptor of a person's spiritual condition? Why is it important that Jesus is the light?

3. What does it mean to be born again? Born from above? Born of water? Born of spirit? What one truth is Jesus leading us to understand?

4. Why is Jesus lifted up? How does Jesus being lifted up free us from a works based salvation?

5. How is the Holy Spirit leading you to respond to God today?