**You Must Be Born Again**

**You must be born again!** Jesus did not command Nicodemus to be born again. He was telling Nicodemus what he needed. Everyone needs to be born again in order to see the kingdom of God. This shocking requirement raises **four important issues.**

**1. Why you need to be born again**

Without the new birth –

A. You have no spiritual *life* (3, 5, 7)

B. You have no spiritual *understanding* (9-12)

C. You have no love for *holiness* (19-21)

**2. Whether you are born again**

Ask yourself –

A. Is Jesus your precious *treasure*?

2 Corinthians 4:3-10; 1 Peter 1:6-9

B. Do you have a taste for spiritual *truth*?

1 Peter 1:23-2:3

C. Do you have fellowship with the *Trinity*?

1 John 1:3-7

**3. What you can do to become born again**

A. You can do *nothing* (John 1:12-13)

B. God must do *everything*

**4. What you should do if you are not born again**

A. Cry out for the *mercy* of Christ

B. Cling to the *promises* of Christ (John 3:16; 6:37)

**For additional study or family discussion**

1. Did the Lord speak to you today about Himself and His ways? Did He show you a duty you need to perform or a promise you need to claim? What was either encouraging or challenging in the sermon?

2. The Greek word translated “again” in John 3:3, 7 may also be translated “from above” as it is in John 3:31; 19:11. Both senses seem to be present in John 3:3, 7. We must be born again from above.

3. The will of the Father is the ultimate source of our new birth. The Holy Spirit is the member of the Trinity who is the direct agent of the new birth. What is the instrument God uses to bring us to birth (James 1:17-18; 1 Peter 1:23).

4. John 3:8. How are people born of the Spirit like the wind? (Spirit and wind are the same word.) In what ways has the Spirit’s activity in you been like the wind?