

JOHN STUDY

Chapter 3

Review:

Chapter 1 – Two basic needs: to know God and to be right with God

Chapter 2 – Following Jesus requires commitment

Chapter 3 – The initial step

Vs. 1 Nicodemus – a Pharisee

Vs. 2 Why by night?

- Fear of _____
- The only _____ to talk with Jesus

Vs. 3 How can one become a member of God's Kingdom?

Answer: "You must be _____"

Vs. 4 Do I enter a second time into my mother's womb?

Jesus' explanation:

- Born of _____
- AND
- Born of the _____

Jesus is talking about a _____ birthday.

- The first is _____
- The second is _____

Vs. 9 How can one have a second birthday?

Jesus answered (vs. 14)

As Moses lifted up the _____ in the wilderness.

What happened in the wilderness?

- God sent serpents to bite and _____ His people.
- God instructed Moses to make a _____ with a serpent wrapped around it.
- Those who looked in _____ were healed.

People are dying because of _____

Jesus was lifted up on a _____

Any one who looks to Him in _____ will be saved

Physical and Spiritual birth are initiated with a _____

Vs. 18 – 21 What happens when a person is born-again?

BELIEVERS

UNBELIEVERS

Not condemned

Condemned already

Wants truth

Loves darkness rather than light

Is willing to change

Hates the light

Wants his/her deeds of God

Not in Bible study

Does not want to be corrected

Does not want to change

Matthew 7:13,14

If a person is in darkness and condemned to eternity in hell, a place of eternal torment, why do the majority of people choose it -- continuing to do evil, hating the light, refusing to come to the light, not wanting to be corrected?

Possible answers:

1. The pull of _____ and _____
2. The _____ of sin
3. Following natural _____ -- what I'm doing appears right.
4. Human _____
5. The destructive _____ of sin – a little tolerated spreads throughout all.
6. Increasing _____ -- shrouds out the light.

Vs. 21 What is the solution?

Come to the _____ who is _____

A follower of Jesus:

-Does truth

-Comes to the light continuously so his deeds are “exposed” and “corrected”.

Such a person shows evidence that he/she is born-again by:

A love for _____

An awareness of _____

A love for _____

A love for _____

A desire to _____

Which of these descriptions best characterizes you? _____

Discussion questions...

What would you say to a person who says “I am a Christian, but I am not a born-again Christian?”

How will a believer know if he is really born-again?

What should a believer do if he cannot remember the particular time when he was born-again?