

The Second Birth (John 3:1-11)

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Scripture Reading – John 3:1-11

Main Idea – Jesus spoke of two distinct births (by water and ***by the Spirit***).

Everyone experiences birth by water, but far too many never by the Spirit (the Holy Spirit of God). Water birth is the natural birth, but being born of the Spirit is a supernatural birth (to be born from above).

Point to Ponder – Have you been born once or twice? Jesus strongly warns that absolutely no one will see the kingdom of God ***without being born again!!!***

- I. *Who was Nicodemus?*
 - a) John 3:1
 - b) John 3:10

- II. *The two births are by water & ***the Spirit***.*
 - a) John 3:3-8)
 - b) V. 6 – water & Spirit

The Bad News!!!! ☹️

- III. *Is everyone a “child of God”?*
 - a) Romans 3:23
 - b) Colossians 3:5-6
 - c) 2 Corinthians 4:3-4
 - d) John 8:37-44

- IV. *What happens to those who ***refuse to believe*** in Jesus?*
 - a) John 3:18-20
 - b) Matthew 7:13-14
 - c) Mark 9:43-47
 - d) Revelation 20:11-15

The Good News!!! ☺

- V. *What happens to those who **believe** in Jesus?*
- a) John 3:15-17
 - b) 1 Corinthians 15:1-4
 - c) Romans 10:9-13
- VI. *What fruit indicates that we are **born again**?*
- a) Luke 6:46-49
 - b) Matthew 16:24-26
 - c) 1 John 4:7-8
 - d) 1 John 3:6-9
 - e) 1 John 1:6-10
 - f) Matthew 28:19-20

Famous Quote: "In modern day evangelism, this precious doctrine (of regeneration) has been reduced to nothing more than a human decision to raise one's hand, walk an aisle, or pray a sinner's prayer. As a result, the majority of Americans **believe** that they've been born again even though their thoughts, words, and deeds are a continual contradiction to the nature and will of God." – Paul Washer

Application – God the Father desires for you to be "**born of God**". Will you place your trust & hope in His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ today? The absolute certainty of eternal life with Him is merely a praise of **believing** away!!!