

Sermon Notes – “Nicodemus in Night Class”

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Scripture Reading: John 3:5-7

Like many people today, Nicodemus longed for the _____ of salvation. One night Jesus introduced him to the importance of receiving the _____ into one's life. Without **Him** we can do _____; furthermore we _____ enter God's kingdom without Him leading us to a new birth. But how does this happen? What does it really mean to be _____? Let us prayerfully go back to God's word as we find the answer to these all important questions.

UNDERSTANDING THE NEW BIRTH

1. The _____ of the New Birth – John 3:4-10
2. The _____ of the New Birth – John 3:8; Eph. 4:22-24; 2 Corin. 3:18
3. _____ the New Birth – Rom. 7:22-8:14; 1 Corin. 6:9-11; Pro:24:16
4. The _____ of the New Birth - 1 Kgs 14:7&8; 2 Cor. 5:17-20; Matt. 5:43-48

Not even by a thought could our Saviour be brought to yield to the power of temptation. **Satan finds in human hearts some point where he can gain a foothold; some sinful desire is cherished, by means of which his temptations assert their power.** [James 1:13-15] But Christ declared of Himself: "The prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in Me." John 14:30. Satan could find nothing in the Son of God that would enable him to gain the victory. He had kept His Father's commandments, and there was no sin in Him that Satan could use to his advantage. This is the condition in which those must be found who shall stand in the time of trouble.

–The Great Controversy, p. 623

When the Spirit of God takes possession of the heart, it transforms the life. Sinful thoughts are put away, evil deeds are renounced; love, humility, and peace take the place of anger, envy, and strife. Joy takes the place of sadness, and the countenance reflects the light of heaven. No one sees the hand that lifts the burden, or beholds the light descend from the courts above. The blessing comes when by faith the soul surrenders itself to God. Then that power which no human eye can see creates a new being in the image of God.

– Desire of Ages, p. 173

May we experience a true Baptism of the Holy Spirit!