

John 3: Born Again

John 3:1-21: FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD

1. JOHN 3:1-2
 - Connecting verses 2:24-25 to John 3:1 (**John 1:11-13**)
 - A true confession from a leader of the Jews
2. JOHN 3:3-7
 - A spiritual new birth vs. a physical act of “cleansing and purifying” by following the law
 - High Priest going into the Most Holy Place once a year on Yom Kippur “Day of Atonement” (**Leviticus 16:1-4; Hebrews 9:7-15**)
3. JOHN 3:8
 - Examples of God’s use of wind (**Genesis 8:1; Exodus 10:13, 19; Exodus 14:21; Psalm 1:4; Revelation 7:1; Song of Songs 4:16**)
4. JOHN 3:9-12
 - Jesus was astounded that Nicodemus (“the teacher of Israel”) didn’t know these things
 - Proved Jesus’ point that “unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”
 - Believing earthly things builds upon the understanding of believing heavenly things (**Matthew 13:12**)
5. JOHN 3:13-15
 - Brought Nicodemus back to ground he understood—the Law (“And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness..”)
 - Jesus made a comparison between the faith required in **Numbers 21:4-9** and faith in Messiah
6. JOHN 3:16-21
 - Transition from salvation for the Jewish nation to salvation for the world
 - Jesus’ mission of salvation (Jesus’ name in Hebrew, *Yeshua*, means “salvation”)
 - Every man and woman born physically inherited Adam & Eve’s sin nature
 - Must be “born again” into the life of the Last Adam in order to have eternal life because of His resurrection from the dead (**1 Corinthians 15:44-49**)

John 3:22-36: HE WHO HAS THE BRIDE IS THE BRIDEGROOM

1. JOHN 3:22
 - Jesus, baptism, and the wilderness ([Isaiah 43:19](#))
2. JOHN 3:23-24
 - John the Baptist's ministry overlapped Jesus' ministry for possibly around 6 months (source: Luke's chronology in Luke 3:1-3)
3. JOHN 3:25-26
 - They thought he was the Christ
4. JOHN 3:27-30
 - John the Baptist acknowledged again that he was not the Christ
 - Only the Bridegroom has the bride; John was the friend of the Bridegroom sent before the Bridegroom to prepare His way
 - Baptism is the way of the Bridegroom ([Matthew 3:11-12](#))
5. JOHN 3:31-36
 - The importance of a true testimony given by the Holy Spirit ([John 14:16-17, 26](#))
 - John the Baptist gave a true testimony that Jesus is the Christ ([Matthew 11:7-15](#))
 - Spirit-filled believers are witnesses of Jesus Christ ([Isaiah 43:10](#))