

1. The Sinner's _____ . (vv. 1-2)

- Enter Nicodemus, who is an example of _____ of these things that John talked about in chapter 2.
- Nicodemus was a _____ and important person in Judaism at that time.
- His worry was one that all legalists have: Had he done _____ to make it to heaven?

2. The Savior's _____ . (vv. 3-5)

- Jesus knew what was in Nicodemus' _____.
- Jesus knew the _____ to heaven.
- Jesus is telling Nicodemus that his works are _____ to get him into heaven.
- We are powerless and hopeless if we are _____ in our own works or our religious ceremonies or our family heritage to get us into heaven as Nicodemus was.

3. The Spirit's _____ . (vv. 6-10)

- Only God can give spiritual life to spiritually _____ humans.
- Neither can anyone control who is born of the Spirit and who is not. It is an act of _____, not an act of men. We can only respond to the Spirit's work.
- We too need to _____ our external ideas about being born again.
- We even need to be careful about our _____ evangelical understanding of being born again.

4. The Son's _____ . (vv. 11-13)

- Jesus is a _____ eye-witness.
- But going forward, in order for Nicodemus, or anyone, to come to the point of faith to be born again, he needs to know who Jesus _____ is.
- Jesus assured Nicodemus that He was speaking of things that He knew to be true because He had seen _____ Himself.
- Jesus is the only _____.
- So not only does the Son of Man have access to heaven, He is also the only means by which others will gain _____ to heaven. He is the only Savior of the world.

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Discussion Questions for the week of Jan. 14, 2024

Getting to Know Me

- The terms soda, pop, and coke are regionally preferred generic terms for carbonated drinks. Which did you grow up drinking?

- On what subject would you say that you are a recognized authority? Why? Would anyone else agree that you are?

Into the Bible

- What one thing stood out to you in this week's sermon as something important to understand and apply or a question you had?

- Nicodemus, and all the Jews, believed in a legalistic religion. What does the Bible say about legalism? Why should we keep God's Laws today? (Gal. 3:23-26; Eph. 2:8-9; Col. 2:16-23; 1 John 5:3)

- What do the two metaphors Jesus used to describe salvation, being born again and the wind of the Spirit, have in common? What was Jesus trying to communicate to Nicodemus, and us, with these metaphors?

- Jesus tells Nicodemus that He has descended from heaven and therefore has knows by experience and observation the ways of heaven. What else does John tell us about where Jesus came from and where He is going? (See John 1:1-2, 9-10, 14; 7:28-29, 33-34; 11:41b-42; 13:1; 14:2-3; 17:24; 18:36; 20:17) What does this tell us about the value of His testimony about heaven?

Application

- Before you became a Christian, did you ever worry that you hadn't done enough to get into heaven?

- How do you feel about the term "born again" as it is used in our culture? How do you think most people feel about it? Is it helpful or too cliched to be meaningful today?