

The New Birth, Part 2
John 3:14-21

1. Belief in Jesus is _____ . (vv. 14-17)

- Jesus used an Old Testament story (Num. 21:4-9) that Nicodemus would know well in order to illustrate the _____ to believe in Him. (vv. 14-15)
 - First, the illustration makes the point that salvation is by _____, through faith.
 - Second, this illustration tells us about _____ the Son of Man will provide salvation.
 - Third, this illustration tells Nicodemus, and us, the _____ of Jesus' death.
- Having illustrated His point from the Old Testament, Jesus makes it _____. (vv. 16-17)
 - God loves the whole _____.
 - We are _____.
 - We must _____ in Jesus.
- To perish in hell means being eternally in the process of destruction while never _____ being destroyed.

2. Unbelief in Jesus is _____ . (vv. 18-19)

- Jesus came to exempt those who believe in Him from _____ so that we would be saved from hell and welcome in heaven.
- While there is a future time when judgment will be finalized and enacted, the whole human race is _____ judged.
- Why are some humans still under judgment? Because we have not _____ in the one and only Son of God (v. 18).
- And why have so many not believed in Jesus? Because their deeds were _____ (v. 19).

3. Belief and unbelief _____ . (vv. 20-21)

- Why did those who do **evil** not come to the Light? Because all who make a practice of wrongdoing hate the Light.
- Why do those who “practice the _____” come to the light? Because they are not afraid of the light.

Calvary Connection Group
Discussion Questions for the week of Jan. 28, 2024

Getting to Know Me

- Would you rather go to a movie, a Broadway show or a concert? Why?
- What is your favorite National Park that you have visited? Why?

Into the Bible

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

- Read and compare the following pairs of passages: Rom. 9:16, 18, 20-24 & 10:9-13; Matt. 11:27 & Matt. 11:28; John 6:37, 44 & John 6:35, 40, 47. What do they teach us about the sovereignty of God and the responsibility of man in salvation? Can you reconcile these truths?

- Read Num. 21:4-9. This is the Old Testament story that Jesus used as an illustration in His conversation with Nicodemus. What parallels do you see here that could serve as lessons for us as Christians? Hint: there are at least 14 parallels!

- What similarities do you see between the demand of Pharaoh to kill all the Hebrew male infants and our culture's current use of abortion as a means of routine birth control, especially among ethnic populations?

Application

- Some think that because salvation is a sovereign work of God, there is no point to evangelism. What would you say to a Christian who thought that way?

- Nicodemus took as much as 2 years to become a Christian. Did you come to Jesus the first time you heard the gospel? How long did it take you from first hearing to actually committing yourself to be a follower of Jesus? What does that say to us about our efforts at evangelism?