



SERMON NOTES

November 6, 2016

Scripture: John 3:1-10 (NAS)

Topic: "Divine Calling"

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- 1 Now there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews;
- 2 this man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You have come from God as a teacher; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him."
- 3 Jesus answered and said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."
- 4 Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born, can he?"
- 5 Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.
- 6 "That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.
- 7 "Do not be amazed that I said to you, 'You must be born again.'
- 8 "The wind blows where it wishes and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going; so is everyone who is born of the Spirit."
- 9 Nicodemus said to Him, "How can these things be?"
- 10 Jesus answered and said to him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and do not understand these things?"

I. THE NEW BIRTH

- A. Not Physical
- B. Spiritual Birth

II. WHY THE TERM BIRTH?

- A. We Had Nothing To Do With Our Physical Birth
- B. We Had Nothing To Do With Our Spiritual Birth

III. THE PARALLEL WITH LAZARUS

- A. Jesus Called; He Came Forth Alive
- B. God Calls; We Come Forth Alive *Ephesians 2:1-9*

IV. NEW BIRTH

- A. By The Call Of God

B. It Is A Call To All The Blessing Of Spiritual Life *Romans 8:28-30; Romans 11:29; Romans 1:1,6; I Corinthians 1:1,9; Ephesians 4:1-4; II Thessalonians 2:13,14; Hebrews 3:1; I Peter 2:9,10; I Peter 5:10-11*

C. There Is An External And Internal Call *Matthew 22:14*

V. THE WILL OF MAN IN THIS MATTER

A. Man's Will Is Changed By God

B. As An Unregenerate Sinner He Could Not Choose God *Romans 3:11-12; Romans 5:6; II Corinthians 4:4*

RESPONSE: AMAZING GRACE