

MESSAGE NOTES

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COME AND SEE | FINDING NEW LIFE

JOHN 3:1-21

OVERVIEW

The Necessity of New Life – Why we need it?

- Nicodemus was a Pharisee. The word Pharisee means “separated one.” Separated to live a holy life according to the Law of God.
 - A good man who was lost—a theological insider but an outsider to God
 - A rich man who was spiritually poor
 - A proud man with a high view of self but a low view of Jesus
 - A moral man who stood condemned. A “dead man” needing new life, not just a “makeover.”
- Jesus says good works is not the way in, you must be born again!
 - No one gets a passport to heaven, to eternal life. Everyone needs a birth certificate!

“I will sprinkle clean **water** on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. I will give you a **new heart** and put a **new spirit** in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And **I will put my Spirit in you** and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.” Ezekiel 36:25-2

- Jesus “the Son of Man lifted up” is referring to the story in Numbers 21:4-9.
- Faith was the only cure for the deadly snake bite and death. Look and live!

The Source of New Life – How we receive it?

“Anyone who belongs to Christ is a new person. The past is forgotten, and everything is new. God has done it all! He sent Christ to make peace between himself and us, and he has given us the work of making peace between himself and others.” 2 Corinthians 5:17-19 (CEV)

“But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.” Titus 3:4-7

- Jesus didn’t come to change God’s mind, but to express God’s mind. (Gary Burge)

“But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.” John 20:31

“For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.” Ephesians 2:8-9

New Life in Christ – How do you know you are “born again”?

- All your trust is on Jesus. His life, death and resurrection are the reasons you are saved, not your good works.
- The forgiveness of God is yours. The guilt is removed, impurities cleansed and washed away.
- You have a new heart with new desires to love and obey God.
- You have the Holy Spirit living in you to guide and comfort you, and to finish the work that God has begun by making you more and more like Jesus. (See Galatians 5:22-25)
- You have the Spirit’s transforming power in your life, changing every part of your life as you live with Christ as your King, serving God and others.
- You have life with God today and the hope of life forever with God in the new heaven on earth when God makes all things right, both in us and around us forever.

PRAYER

Dear God, thank you for showing me my need for Jesus. Jesus, I believe you are God’s one and only Son, sent from heaven to rescue me from the judgment I deserved. Thank you for dying on the cross for my sin. With my trust fully on you, give me new life, wash me clean and strengthen me to live for you, pointing others to you.

If you placed your trust in Jesus today and prayed along, please let us know so we can encourage you in your walk with Christ. You can let us know by going to doorcreek.info and send us a message using the form under the Connect Tab.