

**“HOW CAN YOU BE BORN AGAIN?”
(John 3:9-21)**

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- 1. The SPIRITUAL NECESSITY of the New Birth (3:3, 5, 7)**
- 2. The SUPERNATURAL NATURE of the New Birth (3:4, 8)**
- 3. The SAVING BASIS of the New Birth (3:9-16)**

a) The truth that is necessary to believe for salvation must be perceived through divine _____ and cannot be perceived merely through human _____. (vv. 9-12)

** What does this mean for you if you’ve already been saved?*

b) Jesus Christ had to be both _____ and _____ in order to save humanity. (v. 13)

c) Jesus Christ had (*dei*) to be _____ (*hupsoō*) in order to provide eternal life. (v. 14)

** How did the brass serpent in the wilderness (Num. 21:4-9) picture this?*

** How would Christ be “lifted up” according to John?*

d) The motivation for God to give His Son for us was His great _____. (v. 16)

** What does the grammar of v. 16 (*houtōs gar*) indicate?*

** What does the word “gave” (*didōmi*) refer to?*

4. The SIMPLE MEANS of the New Birth (3:15-18)

a) The sole condition to receive eternal life is simply to _____.

* *How many times is this stated in verses 12-18?*

* *What does it mean to "believe" (pisteuō)?*

b) The _____ of God to everyone who believes in Him is _____.

* *Why is the subjunctive mood used in verse 16 ("should not perish")?*

* *What kind of life is this?*

5. The SUMMARIZING PRINCIPLE about Nicodemus (3:19-21)

a) Nicodemus is set forth as an example of one who _____ (*erchomai*) to Jesus Christ, the Light of the world, against the backdrop of _____ (3:2).

* *Did Nicodemus ever believe? (7:48-50; 19:38-40 cf. 12:42-43)*

b) Principle to remember: you can either cover your sin and reject Christ and remain _____ or you can come to Christ as your sin-bearer and receive _____.

* *Which route will you choose?*