

John 3 – Born Again Remarks of Nicodemus

Curiosity

John 3

1 There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews:

Pharisees – [NT:5330](#) Φαρισαῖος **Pharisaios** (far-is-ah'-yos); of Hebrew origin [compare [OT:6567](#)]; a separatist, i.e. exclusively religious; a Pharisean, i.e. Jewish sectary: **KJV** - Pharisee.

Nicodemus – [NT:3530](#) Νικόδημος **Nikodemos** (nik-od'-ay-mos); from [NT:3534](#) and [NT:1218](#); victorious among his people; Nicodemus, an Israelite: **KJV** - Nicodemus.

Jews – [NT:2453](#) Ἰουδαῖος **Ioudaios** (ee-oo-dah'-yos); from [NT:2448](#) (in the sense of [NT:2455](#) as a country); Judaeen, i.e. belonging to Jehudah: **KJV** - Jew (-ess), of Judaea.

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Observation

2 The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, **we know** that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man [no body] can do these miracles that thou doest, except [unless] God be with him.

Rabbi – [NT:4461](#) ῥαββί **rhabbi** (hrab-bee'); of Hebrew origin [[OT:7227](#) with pronominal suffix]; my master, i.e Rabbi, as an official title of honor:
KJV - Master, Rabbi.

...from – [OT:7227](#) רַב **rab** (rab); by contracted from [OT:7231](#); abundant (in quantity, size, age, number, rank, quality):

KJV - (in) abound (-undance, -ant, -antly), captain, elder, enough, exceedingly, full, great (-ly, man, one), increase, long (enough, [time]), (do, have) many (-ifold, things, a time), ([ship-]) master, mighty, more, (too, very) much, multiply (-tude), officer, often [-times], plenteous, populous, prince, process [of time], suffice (-lent).

Teacher – [NT:1320](#) διδάσκαλος **didaskalos** (did-as'-kal-os); from [NT:1321](#); an instructor (genitive case or specially): **KJV** - doctor, master, teacher.

God – [NT:2316](#) θεός **theos** (theh'-os); of uncertain affinity; a deity, especially (with [NT:3588](#)) the supreme Divinity; figuratively, a magistrate; by Hebraism, very:
KJV - *exceeding, God, god [-ly, -ward].

Miracles – [NT:4592](#) σημεῖον **semeion** (say-mi'-on); neuter of a presumed derivative of the base of [NT:4591](#); an indication, especially ceremonially or supernaturally:
KJV - miracle, sign, token, wonder.

Deuteronomy 18

15 The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken;

16 According to all that thou desiredst of the LORD thy God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God, neither let me see this great fire any more, that I die not.

17 And the LORD said unto me, They have well spoken that which they have spoken.

18 I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him.

19 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require it of him.

20 But the prophet, which shall presume to speak a word in my name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or that shall speak in the name of other gods, even that prophet shall die.

21 And if thou say in thine heart, How shall we know the word which the LORD hath not spoken?

22 When a prophet speaketh in the name of the LORD, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the LORD hath not spoken, but the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him.

John 3 – Born Again The Reproval of Nicodemus

Instruction

John 3

3 Jesus answered and said [spoke] unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except [unless] a man [a person] be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

Answered – [NT:611](#) ἀποκρίνομαι **apokrinomai** (ap-ok-ree'-nom-ahee); from [NT:575](#) and krino; to conclude for oneself, i.e. (by implication) to respond; by Hebraism [compare [OT:6030](#)] to begin to speak (where an address is expected):

KJV - answer.

Verily – [NT:281](#) ἀμήν **amen** (am-ane'); of Hebrew origin [[OT:543](#)]; properly, firm, i.e. (figuratively) trustworthy; adverbially, surely (often as interj. so be it):

KJV - amen, verily.

...from – [OT:543](#) אָמֵן **'amen** (aw-mane'); from [OT:539](#); sure; abstract, faithfulness; adverb, truly: **KJV** - Amen, so be it, truth.

Born – [NT:1080](#) γεννάω **gennao** (ghen-nah'-o); from a variation of [NT:1085](#); to procreate (properly, of the father, but by extension of the mother); figuratively, to regenerate:

KJV - bear, beget, be born, bring forth, conceive, be delivered of, gender, make, spring.

...from – [NT:1085](#) γένος **genos** (ghen'-os); from [NT:1096](#); "kin" (abstract or concrete, literal or figurative, individual or collective):

KJV - born, country (-man), diversity, generation, kind (-red), nation, offspring, stock.

See – [NT:1492](#) εἶδω **eido** (i'-do); a primary verb; used only in certain past tenses, the others being borrowed from the equivalent [NT:3700](#) and [NT:3708](#); properly, to see (literally or figuratively); by implication (in the perf. only) to know:

KJV - be aware, behold, ^x can (+not tell), consider, (have) know (-ledge), look (on), perceive, see, be sure, tell, understand, wish, wot. Compare [NT:3700](#).

Kingdom – [NT:932](#) βασιλεία **basileia** (bas-il-i'-ah); from [NT:935](#); properly, royalty, i.e. (abstractly) rule, or (concretely) a realm (literally or figuratively):

KJV - kingdom, + reign.

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Questions

John 3

4 Nicodemus saith [spoke] unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?

How – [NT:4459](#) πῶς **pos** (poce); adverb from the base of [NT:4226](#); an interrogative particle of manner; in what way? (sometimes the question is indirect, how?); also as exclamation, how much!:

KJV - how, after (by) what manner (means), that. [Occasionally unexpressed in English].

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Old – [NT:1088](#) γέρον **geron** (gher'-own); of uncertain affinity [compare [NT:1094](#)]; aged: **KJV** - old.

Womb – [NT:2836](#) κοιλία **koilia** (koy-lee'-ah); from koilos ("hollow"); a cavity, i.e. (especially) the abdomen; by implication, the matrix; figuratively, the heart: **KJV** - belly, womb.

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New Creature

John 3

5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except [unless] a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

Water – [NT:5204](#) ὕδωρ **hudor** (hoo'-dore); genitive case, hudatos (hoo'-dat-os), etc.; from the base of [NT:5205](#); water (as if rainy) literally or figuratively: **KJV** - water.

...from – [NT:5205](#) ἕτερός **huetos** (hoo-et-os'); from a primary huō (to rain); rain, especially a shower: **KJV** - rain.

Spirit – [NT:4151](#) πνεῦμα **pneuma** (pnyoo'-mah); from [NT:4154](#); a current of air, i.e. breath (blast) or a breeze; by analogy or figuratively, a spirit, i.e. (human) the rational soul, (by implication) vital principle, mental disposition, etc., or (superhuman) an angel, demon, or (divine) God, Christ's spirit, the Holy Spirit: **KJV** - ghost, life, spirit (-ual, -ually), mind. Compare [NT:5590](#).

Cannot – [NT:1410](#) δύναμαι **dunamai** (doo'-nam-ahēe); of uncertain affinity; to be able or possible:

KJV - be able, can (do, + -not), could, may, might, be possible, be of power.

John 1

12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

1 John 5

6 This is he that came by **water and blood**, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the **Spirit is truth**.

1 John 5

7 For there are **three that bear record in heaven**, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and **these three are one**.

8 And there are **three that bear witness in earth**, the **Spirit**, and the **water**, and the **blood**: and these three agree in one [Jesus - God].

2 Corinthians 5

16 Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more.

17 Therefore **if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away**; behold, **all things are become new**.

18 And **all things are of God**, who hath **reconciled us** to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath **given to us the ministry** of reconciliation;

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Galatians 6

15 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a **new creature**.

John 3 – Born Again

Carnal vs Spiritual

John 3

6 That which is born of the flesh is **flesh**; and that which is **born of the Spirit** is spirit.

Flesh – [NT:4561](#) σάρξ **sarx** (sarx); probably from the base of [NT:4563](#); flesh (as stripped of the skin), i.e. (strictly) the meat of an animal (as food), or (by extension) the body (as opposed to the soul [or spirit], or as the symbol of what is external, or as the means of kindred), or (by implication) human nature (with its frailties [physically or morally] and passions), or (specifically) a human being (as such):

KJV - carnal (-ly, + -ly minded), flesh ([-ly]).

Spirit – [NT:4151](#) πνεῦμα **pneuma** (pnyoo'-mah); from [NT:4154](#); a current of air, i.e. breath (blast) or a breeze; by analogy or figuratively, a spirit, i.e. (human) the rational soul, (by implication) vital principle, mental disposition, etc., or (superhuman) an angel, demon, or (divine) God, Christ's spirit, the Holy Spirit:

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1 Corinthians 15

43 It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power:

44 It is **sown a natural body**; it is **raised a spiritual body**. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.

45 And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.

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Marvelous

John 3

7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

Marvel – [NT:2296](#) θαυμάζω **thaumazo** (thou-mad'-zo); from [NT:2295](#); by implication, to admire:

KJV - admire, have in admiration, marvel, wonder.

Again – [NT:509](#) ἄνωθεν **another** (an'-o-then); from [NT:507](#); from above; by analogy, from the first; by implication, anew:

KJV - from above, again, from the beginning (very first), the top.

Mark 12

11 This was the Lord's doing, and it is **marvellous** in our eyes?

John 7

15 And the Jews **marvelled**, saying, How knoweth this man letters, having never learned?

Determined

John 3

8 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: **so is every one that is born of the Spirit**.

Wind – [T:4151](#) πνεῦμα **pneuma** (pnyoo'-mah); from [NT:4154](#); a current of air, i.e. breath (blast) or a breeze; by analogy or figuratively, a spirit, i.e. (human) the rational soul, (by implication) vital principle, mental disposition, etc., or (superhuman) an angel, demon, or (divine) God, Christ's spirit, the Holy Spirit: **KJV** - ghost, life, spirit (-ual, -ually), mind. Compare [NT:5590](#).

Bloweth – [NT:4154](#) πνέω **pneo** (pneh'-o); a primary word; to breathe hard, i.e. breeze: **KJV** - blow. Compare [NT:5594](#).

Listeth – [NT:2309](#) θέλω **thelo** (thel'-o); or **ethelo** (eth-el'-o); in certain tenses **theleo** (thel-eh'-o); and **etheleo** (eth-el-eh'-o); which are otherwise obsolete; apparently strengthened from the alternate form of [NT:138](#); to determine (as an active option from subjective impulse; whereas [NT:1014](#) properly denotes rather a passive acquiescence in objective considerations), i.e. choose or prefer (literally or figuratively); by implication, to wish, i.e. be inclined to (sometimes adverbially, gladly); impersonally for the future tense, to be about to; by Hebraism, to delight in:

KJV - desire, be disposed (forward), intend, list, love, mean, please, have rather, (be) will (have, -ling, -ling [-ly]).

Hearest – [NT:191](#) ἀκούω **akouo** (ak-oo'-o); a primary verb; to hear (in various senses):

KJV - give (in the) audience (of), come (to the ears), ([shall]) hear (-er, -ken), be noised, be reported, understand.

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Sound – [NT:5456](#) φωνή **phone** (fo-nay'); probably akin to [NT:5316](#) through the idea of disclosure; a tone (articulate, bestial or artificial); by implication, an address (for any purpose), saying or language: **KJV** - noise, sound, voice.

...akin to [NT:5316](#) φαίνω **phaino** (fah'-ee-no); prolongation for the base of [NT:5457](#); to lighten (shine), i.e. show (transitive or intransitive, literal or figurative): **KJV** - appear, seem, be seen, shine, ^x think.

So – [NT:3779](#) οὕτω **houto** (hoo'-to); or (before a vowel) houtos (hoo'-toce); adverb from [NT:3778](#); in this way (referring to what precedes or follows):

KJV - after that, after (in) this manner, as, even (so), for all that, like (-wise), no more, on this fashion (-wise), so (in like manner), thus, what.

John 3 – Born Again

Deliverance

John 3 (Cont)

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KJV - desire, be disposed (forward), intend, list, love, mean, please, have rather, (be) will (have, -ling, -ling [-ly]).

The Governor at the helm...

James 3

4 Behold also the ships, which though they be so great, and are driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, whithersoever the Governor **listeth**.

Listeth – [NT:3730](#) ὄρμη **horme** (hor-may'); of uncertain affinity; a violent impulse, i.e. onset: **KJV** - assault.

Psalm 22 ...the Governor's deliverance

28 For the kingdom is the LORD's: and he is the governor among the nations.

29 All they that be fat upon earth shall eat and worship: all they that go down to the dust shall bow before him: and **none can keep alive his own soul**.

30 A seed shall serve him; it shall be accounted to the Lord for a generation.

31 They shall come, and shall **declare his righteousness unto a people that shall be born**, that he hath done this.

The Governor of promise...

Galatians 4 ...of persecution

28 Now **we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise**.

29 But as then he that was **born after the flesh persecuted** him that was **born after the Spirit**, even so it is now.

30 Nevertheless what saith the scripture? Cast out the bondwoman and her son: for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman.

John 3 – Born Again Reprimand of Nicodemus

Manner of faith

John 3

9 Nicodemus answered and said unto him, **How can these things be?**

How – [NT:4459](#) πῶς **pos** (poce); adverb from the base of [NT:4226](#); an interrogative particle of manner; in what way? (sometimes the question is indirect, how?); also as exclamation, how much!:

KJV - how, after (by) what manner (means), that. [Occasionally unexpressed in English].

Be – [NT:1096](#) γίνομαι **ginomai** (ghin'-om-ahee); a prolongation and middle voice form of a primary verb; to cause to be ("gen"-erate), i.e. (reflexively) to become (come into being), used with great latitude (literal, figurative, intensive, etc.):

KJV - arise, be assembled, be (-come, -fall, -have self), be brought (to pass), (be) come (to pass), continue, be divided, draw, be ended, fall, be finished, follow, be found, be fulfilled, + God forbid, grow, happen, have, be kept, be made, be married, be ordained to be, partake, pass, be performed, be published, require, seem, be showed, ^x soon as it was, sound, be taken, be turned, use, wax, will, would, be wrought.

Romans 8

6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

7 Because the **carnal mind is enmity against God**: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

Masterful question

John 3

10 Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a **master** of Israel, and **knowest** not these things?

Master – [NT:1320](#) διδάσκαλος **didaskalos** (did-as'-kal-os); from [NT:1321](#); an instructor (genitive case or specially): **KJV** - doctor, master, teacher.

...from – [NT:1321](#) διδάσκω **didasko** (did-as'-ko); a prolonged (causative) form of a primary verb dao (to learn); to teach (in the same broad application):

KJV - teach.

Knowest – [NT:1097](#) γινώσκω **ginosko** (ghin-oc'e'-ko); a prolonged form of a primary verb; to "know" (absolutely) in a great variety of applications and with many implications (as follow, with others not thus clearly expressed):

KJV - allow, be aware (of), feel, (have) know (-ledge), perceived, be resolved, can speak, be sure, understand.

John 3 – Born Again Receipt of the Testimony

Testimony

John 3

11 Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness.

Know – T:1492 εἶδω **eido** (i'-do); a primary verb; used only in certain past tenses, the others being borrowed from the equivalent NT:3700 and NT:3708; properly, to see (literally or figuratively); by implication (in the perf. only) to know: **KJV** - be aware, behold, ^x can (+not tell), consider, (have) know (-ledge), look (on), perceive, see, be sure, tell, understand, wish, wot. Compare NT:3700.

Testify – NT:3140 μαρτυρέω **martureo** (mar-too-reh'-o); from NT:3144; to be witness, i.e. testify (literally or figuratively):

KJV - charge, give [evidence], bear record, have (obtain, of) good (honest) report, be well reported of, testify, give (have) testimony, (be, bear, give, obtain) witness.

Seen – NT:3708 ὁράω **horao** (hor-ah'-o); properly, to stare at [compare NT:3700], i.e. (by implication) to discern clearly (physically or mentally); by extension, to attend to; by Hebraism, to experience; passively, to appear:

KJV - behold, perceive, see, take heed.

Receive – NT:2983 λαμβάνω **lambano** (lam-ban'-o); a prolonged form of a primary verb, which is use only as an alternate in certain tenses; to take (in very many applications, literally and figuratively [properly objective or active, to get hold of; whereas NT:1209 is rather subjective or passive, to have offered to one; while NT:138 is more violent, to seize or remove]):

KJV - accept, ⁺ be amazed, assay, attain, bring, ^x when I call, catch, come on (X unto), ⁺ forget, have, hold, obtain, receive (X after), take (away, up).

Witness – NT:3141 μαρτυρία **marturia** (mar-too-ree'-ah); from NT:3144; evidence given (judicially or genitive case): **KJV** - record, report, testimony, witness.

John 3 – Born Again

Resistance of Nicodemus

Discernment

John 3

12 If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, **how shall ye believe**, if I tell you of heavenly things?

Earthly things – [NT:1919](#) ἐπίγειος **epigeios** (ep-ig'-i-os); from [NT:1909](#) and [NT:1093](#); worldly (physically or morally): **KJV** - earthly, in earth, terrestrial.

Believe – [NT:4100](#) πιστεύω **pisteuo** (pist-yoo'-o); from [NT:4102](#); to have faith (in, upon, or with respect to, a person or thing), i.e. credit; by implication, to entrust (especially one's spiritual well-being to Christ):

KJV - believe (-r), commit (to trust), put in trust with.

Heavenly – [NT:2032](#) ἐπουράνιος **epouranios** (ep-oo-ran'-ee-os); from [NT:1909](#) and [NT:3772](#); above the sky: **KJV** - celestial, (in) heaven (-ly), high.

1 Corinthians 2

12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

Revelation to Nicodemus

Jesus is God...in Heaven...

John 3

13 And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which **is in heaven**.

Ascended – [NT:305](#) ἀναβαίω **anabaino** (an-ab-ah'-ee-no); from [NT:303](#) and the base of [NT:939](#); to go up (literally or figuratively):

KJV - arise, ascend (up), climb (go, grow, rise, spring) up, come (up).

Heaven – [NT:3772](#) οὐρανός **ouranos** (oo-ran-os'); perhaps from the same as [NT:3735](#) (through the idea of elevation); the sky; by extension, heaven (as the abode of God); by implication, happiness, power, eternity; specifically, the Gospel (Christianity): **KJV** - air, heaven ([-ly]), sky.

John 3 – Born Again Rehearsal of Nicodemus

John 3 ...*Rehearsal of Moses*

14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up:

Serpent – [NT:3789](#) ὄφις **ophis** (of'-is); probably from [NT:3700](#) (through the idea of sharpness of vision); a snake, figuratively (as a type of sly cunning) an artful malicious person, especially Satan: **KJV** - serpent.

Wilderness – [NT:2048](#) ἔρημος **eremos** (er'-ay-mos); of uncertain affinity; lonesome, i.e. (by implication) waste (usually as a noun, [NT:5561](#) being implied): **KJV** - desert, desolate, solitary, wilderness.

Lifted up – [NT:5312](#) ὑψόω **hupsoo** (hoop-so'-o); from [NT:5311](#); to elevate (literally or figuratively): **KJV** - exalt, lift up.

Numbers 21 ...for them of the past...

9 And **Moses** made a **serpent** of brass, and put it upon a pole, and it came to pass, that if a **serpent** had bitten any man, when he **beheld the serpent** of brass, **he lived**.

Hosea 6 ...for them in the future

1 Come, and let us return unto the LORD: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up.

2 **After two days will he revive us:** in the **third day he will raise us up**, and we shall live in his sight.

3 Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the LORD: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth.

John 3 – Born Again

Rest of Nicodemus

Faith

John 3

15 That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

Believeth – [NT:4100](#) πιστεύω **pisteuo** (pist-yoo'-o); from [NT:4102](#); to have faith (in, upon, or with respect to, a person or thing), i.e. credit; by implication, to entrust (especially one's spiritual well-being to Christ):

KJV - believe (-r), commit (to trust), put in trust with.

Eternal – [NT:166](#) αἰώνιος **aionios** (ahee-o'-nee-os); from [NT:165](#); perpetual (also used of past time, or past and future as well):

KJV - eternal, for ever, everlasting, world (began).

...from – [NT:165](#) αἰών **aion** (ahee-ohn'); from the same as [NT:104](#); properly, an age; by extension, perpetuity (also past); by implication, the world; specially (Jewish) a Messianic period (present or future):

KJV - age, course, eternal, (for) ever (-more), [n-] ever, (beginning of the while the) world (began, without end). Compare [NT:5550](#).

John 3 – Born Again

Indictment of Unbelievers

John 5

36 But I have **greater witness** than that of John: for **the works** which the Father hath given me to finish, the **same works** that I do, bear witness of me, that the Father hath sent me.

37 And the Father himself, which hath sent me, hath borne witness of me. **Ye have neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his shape.**

38 And ye **have not his word abiding in you**: for whom he hath sent, him ye believe not.

39 **Search the scriptures**; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which **testify of me.**

...perhaps we see the hope for Nicodemus...

40 And **ye will not come to me**, that ye might have life.

41 I receive not honour from men.

42 But I **know you**, that **ye have not the love of God in you.**

43 I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive.

44 How can ye believe, which receive honour one of another, and seek not the honour that cometh from God only?

45 Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father: there is one that accuseth you, even Moses, in whom ye trust.

46 For **had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me**; for **he wrote of me.**

47 But if ye **believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?**

John 3 – Born Again

Repertoire for Life

Confidence in Christ and full of Grace

1 John 2

28 And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have **confidence**, and **not be ashamed** before him at his coming.

Confidence – [NT:3954](#) παρρησία **parrhesia** (par-rhay-see'-ah); from [NT:3956](#) and a derivative of [NT:4483](#); all out-spokenness, i.e. frankness, bluntness, publicity; by implication, assurance:

KJV - bold (X -ly, -ness, -ness of speech), confidence, X freely, X openly, X plainly (-ness).

Ashamed – [NT:153](#) αἰσχύνομαι **aischunomai** (ahee-skhoo'-nom-ahee); from **aischos** (disfigurement, i.e. disgrace); to feel shame (for oneself):

KJV - be ashamed.

Do Righteousness

1 John 2

29 If ye **know that he is righteous**, ye know that every one that **doeth righteousness** is **born of him**.

Righteousness – [NT:1343](#) δικαιοσύνη **dikaiousune** (dik-ah-yos-oo'-nay); from [NT:1342](#); equity (of character or act); specially (Christian) justification:

KJV - righteousness.

Manifests Christ

1 John 3

8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might **destroy the works of the devil**.

Sinless in Christ

1 John 3

9 Whosoever is **born of God doth not commit sin**; for his seed remaineth in him: and **he cannot sin**, because he is **born of God**.

The Wicked can't touch this

1 John 5

18 We know that **whosoever is born of God sinneth not**; but he that is **begotten of God keepeth himself**, and that wicked one toucheth him not.

Do not out of character

1 John 3

10 In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever **doeth not righteousness is not of God**, neither he that loveth not his brother.

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John 3 – Born Again

Love one another

1 John 4

7 Beloved, let us **love one another**: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is **born** of God, and **knoweth God**.

Believe that Jesus is not just a Prophet

1 John 5

1 Whosoever **believeth that Jesus is the Christ** is **born of God**: and every one that **loveth him** that begat loveth him also that is **begotten of him**.

Love the Son and Love the Father

1 John 5

2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments.

3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.

Overcome the world

1 John 5

4 For whatsoever is born of God **overcometh the world**: and this is the **victory that overcometh** the world, even our faith.

Overcometh – [NT:3528](#) νικῶ **nikao** (nik-ah'-o); from [NT:3529](#); to subdue (literally or figuratively): **KJV** - conquer, overcome, prevail, get the victory.

Follow after the example of Christ Jesus

1 Corinthians 15

48 As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly.

A Glorified body

1 Corinthians 15

49 And as we have **borne the image of the earthy**, we shall also **bear the image of the heavenly**.

Colossians 1

14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:

15 Who is **the image of the invisible God**, the firstborn of every creature:

Inheritance

1 Corinthians 15

50 Now this I say, brethren, that **flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God**; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.

John 3 – Born Again

The Reconciliation of Nicodemus

John 7

43 So there was a **division** among the people **because of him**.

44 And some of them would have taken him; but no man laid hands on him.

45 Then came the **officers to the chief priests and Pharisees**; and they said unto them, Why have ye not brought him?

46 The officers answered, Never man spake like this man.

47 Then answered them the **Pharisees, Are ye also deceived?**

48 **Have any of the rulers or of the Pharisees believed on him?**

49 But this people who knoweth not the law are cursed.

John 7

50 Nicodemus saith unto them, (he that came to Jesus by night, being one of them,)

51 **Doth our law judge any man, before it hear him, and know what he doeth?**

52 They answered and said unto him, Art thou also of Galilee? Search, and look: for out of Galilee ariseth no prophet.

53 And every man went unto his own house.

“Born again...” is more than an event...
...it is the life style of the believer

John 3 – Born Again

Evidence of an innocent man...

John 19

38 And after this Joseph of Arimathaea, being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, besought Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus: and Pilate gave him leave. He came therefore, and took the body of Jesus.

39 And there came also Nicodemus, which at the first came to Jesus by night, and brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about an hundred pound weight.

40 Then took they the body of Jesus, and wound it in linen clothes with the spices, as the manner of the Jews is to bury.

1 Peter 1

22 Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:

23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

24 For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away:

25 But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.