

Be Born Again – John 3:1-16

v.1 - Nicodemus – A Pharisee, a ruler of the Jews, a master of Israel (v.10)

v.2 - Came to Jesus at night. Had seen Jesus' miracles. (see 2:11, 23b).

He knew Jesus could offer something that he didn't have. Seeking.

v.3-7 – Jesus told Nicodemus that he needed to be born again.

v.8 – You can't see it happen when someone is born of the Spirit, but you can see the effects of it. eg. The fruit of the Spirit.

v.14 – As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness... Read Numbers 21:1-9 and discuss the story.

The bite from the serpents is like sin. It destroys. The people needed to look at the brazen serpent to be saved.

Isaiah 45:22 – Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else.

The serpent on the pole is a type of Christ.

2 Cor. 5:21 - For he hath made him *to be* sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

Romans 8:3 - For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:

Galatians 3:13 - Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed *is* every one that hangeth on a tree:

John 3:14-16 – It is only because Christ died on the cross that we can be born again (or saved).

Don't look anywhere else for salvation. It is only Christ that can save us.

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Memory Verse

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