

Life Notes

April 18
You Don't...

John 3:1-2 (NIV)

¹Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a member of the Jewish ruling council. ²He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the miraculous signs you are doing if God were not with him."

.....**but I want to talk about what you're missing!**

John 3:3 (NIV)

³In reply Jesus declared, "**I tell you the truth**, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again."

You must be born again!

Expositor's Bible Commentary

Jesus' reply was cryptic and abrupt. He informed Nicodemus that no man could even see the kingdom of God without a spiritual rebirth. Birth is our mode of entrance into the world and brings with it the potential equipment for adjustment to the world. To be born again, or "born from above," means a transformation of a person so that he is able to enter another world and adapt to its conditions.

To belong to the heavenly kingdom, one must be born into it...

You don't earn it!

You don't work for it!

You don't pray long and hard for it!

You don't clean up your life for it!

You don't become a member of a Church!

You don't give up a bad habit!

BIRTH!

Romans 5:8(NKJ)

⁸ But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

John 3:4 (NIV)

"How can a man be born when he is old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely he cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb to be born!"

John 3:5-8 (NIV)

⁵Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. ⁶Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. ⁷You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You^l must be born again.' ⁸The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."

John 3:9 (NIV)

⁹"How can this be?" Nicodemus asked.

John 3:10-14 (NIV)

¹⁰"You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus, "and do you not understand these things? ¹¹I tell you the truth, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. ¹²I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? ¹³No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man."

1. You do not understand!
2. You do not accept!
3. You do not believe!

John 3:14-15 (NIV)

¹⁴Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.

John 3:16- 21 (NIV)

¹⁶For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. ¹⁸Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. ¹⁹This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. ²¹But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what he has done has been done through God.
BelievesTotally Depends Upon!

Deuteronomy 4:29

But if from **there** you seek the LORD your God, you will find him if you look for him with all your heart and with all your soul.

Luke 22:14-20 (NKJ)

When the hour had come, He sat down, and the twelve apostles with Him. Then He said to them, "With fervent desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I say to you, I will no longer eat of it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I say to you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body which is given for you; do this in **remembrance** of Me." Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you."

The Lord's Table.

Matthew 9:10 (NKJ)

Now it happened, as Jesus sat at the **table** in the house, that behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat down with Him and His disciples.