

**Born Again**

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. - John 3:3 (Authorized Version)

Nicodemus came to Christ by night in order to try to engage Him in theological disputation. Jesus immediately turned Nicodemus' attention to his own great need. It is a wonderful thing to think of the great things of God and to try to understand His works. Before one is able to do it, however, in any way that is worthwhile, it is necessary that one decide whether he has actually become a member of the household of God.

One does not become a member of the household of God as a result of the actions of his parents, or of joining the church, or of anything that he does. It is only when the Holy Spirit enters into his life, and he, through faith in the Son of God, is born again, that he comes to be a member of the family of God. Jesus told Nicodemus that it was necessary that he should "be born of water and of the spirit". Although he was a leader in Israel, he needed to be cleansed from his sins and given that revivifying action of the Spirit of God which would make him a new creature in Christ Jesus.

The responsibility is upon every human being to seek this new birth which God gives. It comes as a wonderful gift to those who believe on His Son. There is no substitute for it. No amount of washing off of a pig will make it into a sheep. It is only a new birth that can change human nature. God offers this gift freely to all who will believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. "Ye must be born again."