

JOHN, THE GOSPEL OF BELIEF

John 3.1-21: *Birth from Above*

John 3:1 Now there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews; **2** this man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, “Rabbi, we know that You have come from God *as* a teacher; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him.”

John 3:3 Jesus answered and said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” **4** Nicodemus said to Him, “How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born, can he?” **5** Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. **6** “That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. **7** “Do not be amazed that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ **8** “The wind blows where it wishes and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going; so is everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

John 3:9 Nicodemus said to Him, “How can these things be?” **10** Jesus answered and said to him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and do not understand these things? **11** “Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know and testify of what we have seen, and you do not accept our testimony. **12** “If I told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? **13** “No one has ascended into heaven, but He who descended from heaven: the Son of Man. **14** “As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up; **15** so that whoever believes will in Him have eternal life.

John 3:16 “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. **17** “For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him. **18** “He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. **19** “This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil. **20** “For everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come to the Light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. **21** “But he who practices the truth comes to the Light, so that his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in God.”

A Confession (1-2)

B A new birth by the Spirit (3-8)

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D Salvation is the purpose (16-21)