

New Life
John 3
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MAIN IDEA: The life you are being offered is better than the one you have.

John 3:1-2

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 are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him."

The Life of Nicodemus:

- Pharisee
- Sadducee
- THE Teacher
- Wealthy

John 3:3-4

3 Jesus answered 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? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?"

"If the ladder is not leaning against the right wall, every step we take just gets us to the wrong place faster." - Stephen Covey

The Life that is Offered: New Life

John 3:5-8

5 Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter 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 marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' 8 The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

Ezekial 36:25-27

25 I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. 26 And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. 27 And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

John 3:14-17

14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

The Life that is Offered: Eternal Life.

The Symbolism of the Snake

- **Romans 8:3:** By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering
- **2 Cor 5:21:** God made him who had no sin to be sin for us that we might become the righteousness of God in him.
- **Galatians 3:13:** Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us

God loves each one of us as if there was only one of us to love.” - St. Augustine

Nature of eternal life: “Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent

Application: The life you have been given is better than the life you had.