

## **Sermon Notes – 10.16.2022 The Commands of Jesus #3 – “You Must Be Born Again”**

**Matthew 28:20** teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always,

**Each Commandment of Jesus Invites us to Examine Ourselves and Repent**

### **“You Must Be Born Again”**

**“Do not be amazed that I said to you ‘You must be born again.’”**

**John 3:7**

even to the end of the age.”

*“Just because a mouse lives in a cookie jar, doesn’t make him a cookie” –*

*Casper ten Boom in “The Hiding Place.”*

### **Jesus Told Nicodemus and Us – “You must be born again.”**

**John 3:1-12** 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.” **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.” **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?

### **Born Again, Born of the Spirit, Born from Above – God Has New Life for Us to Receive**

#### **Jesus Reveals to Us the Core – The Life of What It is to Receive What Jesus Gives**

#### **It is No Less Than a New Birth, Life from God, Delivered to the Heart of the Believer**

**Proverbs 4:23** Watch over your heart with all diligence, For from it *flow* the springs of life.

**Psalms 51:10** Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me.

**Matthew 15:18-20** “But the things that proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and those defile the man. **19** “For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, slanders. **20** “These are the things which defile the man; but to eat with unwashed hands does

not defile the man."

### **God Promises to Powerfully Transform Us with A New Birth & A New Life that Jesus Provides, with a New Spirit – The Holy Spirit -**

**Galatians 2:20** "I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

**John 6:63** "It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life.

### **For God So Loved the World**

**John 3:13** "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.** 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."******

### **The New Birth, By God's Grace through Faith in Christ – Nothing Else Avails Anything**

**Whoever** - This is a universal form of expression designed to include all mankind...it is certain that unless we are born again we cannot see the kingdom of God. It includes, therefore, people of every character and rank, and nation, moral and immoral, rich and poor, in office and out of office, old and young, bond and free, the slave and his master, Jew and Gentile. It is clear that our Savior intended to convey to Nicodemus the idea, also, that "he" must be born again. It was not sufficient to be a Jew, or to acknowledge Jesus to be a teacher sent by God that is, the Messiah; it was necessary, in addition to this, to experience in his own soul that great change called the "new birth" or regeneration.

**John 3:15-16** so that whoever believes will in Him have eternal life. 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.**

### **Jesus Did Not Recommend the New Birth, He Didn't say, it Would be Nice if You Were Born Again**

### **To Receive What Jesus Promised – Jesus Commanded Us – "You MUST be Born Again."**

### **The Prayer is Not the New Birth – We Surrender and Pray for Jesus Give us the New Life He Promised**

### **Let's Pray**