

Assignments on John 3

Please read John 3 and answer the following questions:

1. Who came to Jesus by night? What conclusion had he reached about Jesus – 3:1,2?
2. What did Jesus say one must do to enter the kingdom of God – 3:3?
3. What did Nicodemus say in response that showed he misunderstood – 3:4?
4. List and explain at least 3 other **passages** about being born again, becoming a child of God, or receiving a new life.
5. What two aspects of the new birth did Jesus identify in – 3:5? (Think: What role does the “Spirit” play in the new birth?)
6. List 3 other **passages** showing that water baptism is essential to salvation.

7. **Case Study:** Some people say the “water” in v5 refers to physical birth. How would you respond? How did the subject of physical birth enter this discussion? Does any other command of God require water besides baptism?

8. What two births did Jesus contrast in 3:6? (Think: What does v8 mean?)
9. How did Nicodemus show his confusion (3:9)? How did Jesus respond (v10)?
10. What was the source of Jesus’ information, and how did people respond to it – 3:11-13?

11. **Special Assignment:** List other **passages** showing Jesus came from heaven. Explain the significance of this claim.

12. Describe the Old Testament event mentioned in 3:14 and give b/c/v for it.

13. Explain how Jesus was lifted up in a way similar to this Old Testament event.

14. What gift did God give to the world, and what motivated the gift – 3:15,16? (Think: What need did man have that made this gift necessary?)

15. As a result, what blessing can we receive, and what must we do to receive it?

16. List other *passages* showing what Jesus did so we can be forgiven.

17. **Case Study:** Suppose someone claims John 3:16 shows we are saved by faith; baptism is not mentioned, so it is not necessary to salvation. How would you respond?

18. What was *not* the purpose for which Jesus came – 3:17? (Think: In what sense was it not necessary for Him to come for that purpose?)

19. Why do some men hate light (truth), but other men love it – 3:19-21?

20. **Application:** Give some examples that illustrate the principle of vv 19-21

21. Where was John the Baptist baptizing now, and why was he there – 3:23? (Note: locate on a *map*.)

22. **Special Assignment:** What can we learn from v23 about the action of baptism?

23. What problem did John's disciples have – 3:26? (Think: What does v27 mean?)

24. What did John remind his disciples in 3:28 that he had previously taught? Give **b/c/v** where he taught this.

25. Explain John's parable in 3:29.

26. **Case Study:** Some people say they are members of the church begun by John and wearing His name. What application can be made to such people from the teaching of John?

27. Who came from heaven? What is His position – 3:31? (Think: To whom does this refer?)

28. What reception did people in general give His testimony – 3:32?

29. When people did receive His testimony? What did that prove – 3:33? Explain.

30. What is the relationship between the Father and the Son – 3:34,35? (Think: What is meant by "He gives not the Spirit by measure"?)

31. What is the consequence of believing or not believing – 3:36?

32. List other **passages** that show whether or not a child of God can so sin as to fall from grace or be eternally lost.

33. **Case Study:** Some people claim that v36 proves one who believes "has everlasting life." If we "have" it, then we can never be lost. How would you respond?