

**John 3:1-10**

*"The Miraculous New Birth From Above!"*

INTRO: The atheist and agnostic tries to get into heaven with \_\_\_\_\_ ticket.

The religious do-gooder tries to get into heaven with a \_\_\_\_\_ ticket.

The born-again believer is made to see that Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_ ticket into heaven.

The Master-Teacher and Great Evangelist wants us to understand:

**1) Regeneration is a \_\_\_\_\_ birth.**

*(John 3:3, 5, 7)*

**2) Regeneration is a \_\_\_\_\_ birth.**

**3) Regeneration is a \_\_\_\_\_ birth.**

**4) Regeneration is a \_\_\_\_\_ birth.**

*(John 3:3-10)*

Note Matthew 19:22-26

**How does Jesus' teaching relate to you personally?** (Eph. 2:1-5; Rom. 10:13f; John 1:11-13)

## Applicational Thoughts and Questions related to the morning sermon

One the most overlooked and mighty miracles in the Bible is what Jesus talks about in John 3  
Talk a little bit about the opening TICKET illustration from this morning's sermon.  
What were the points Pastor Caleb was trying to illustrate?

What are some of the practical the implications of the following truths:

- 1) *Regeneration is a Necessary birth?* (v. 3, v. 5, v. 7)
- 2) *Regeneration is a Second birth?* (two birth certificates illustration); (vv. 3-10)
- 3) *Regeneration is a Spiritual birth?* (vv. 3-10)

What Jesus demands from the world (whether someone is religious or irreligious) is humanly impossible? You and I must be born again! 4) *Regeneration is a Miraculous birth?* (vv. 3-10)

Read Matthew 19:22-26. Why is self-righteousness so deadly and damning to the soul?  
Talk about the ways works based religion flows out of the root of sinful pride?

How does Jesus' teaching in John 3:1-10 relate to you personally? Think about your personal testimony ("What happened to you man"? "When did you become a Jesus Freak?") How do you explain the transformation that has taken place in your life? "You seem like a new person."

How does Jesus' teaching in John 3:1-10 relate to worship?  
How does it relate to biblical evangelism/missions? Etc. (Eph. 2:1-5; Rom. 10:13f; Titus 3:5f)

In what ways are John 3:1-10 and Eph. 2:1-10 great evangelistic passages to work through with "religious do-gooders" like Nicodemus? Discuss how this passage speaks to religious unbelievers (Mormons, Jehovah Witnesses, Muslims, Unconverted professing Evangelicals, Roman Catholics, unconverted Anglicans, etc, etc)? Why don't we hear about being "born again" very much anymore? Salvation belongs to the Lord our God! Note Ephesians 1!

Lyrics from many Christian hymns/song celebrate the sovereign grace of God in our salvation! (see also Eph. 2:1-10). How is doctrine and doxology intertwined? Why does LCBC make so much of sound doctrine? Doesn't doctrine divide? Doesn't it bore people? Isn't it sort of heady?

"Who, oh Lord, could save themselves,  
Their own soul could heal?  
Our guilt was deeper than the sea  
Your grace is deeper still

We lift up our eyes, lift up our eyes,  
You are the Giver of Life!

You alone can rescue, You alone can save  
You alone can lift us from the grave

You came down to find us, led us out of death  
To You alone belongs the highest praise!”