



## **The Spirit Gives Life**

John 3:1-21

### **Sermon Question:**

The Spirit Gives Life. Have you been born of the Spirit?

## **Being Born of the Spirit is a Necessity**

**John 3:1-7**

**Being Born of the Spirit is a Mystery**

**John 3:8-13**

**Being Born of the Spirit Requires an Act of Faith**

**John 3:14-18**

**Being Born of the Spirit is a Shift from Darkness to Light**

**John 3:19-21**

## Read It!

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## Open It!

What makes the birth of a child an awe-inspiring event?

## Consider It!

Why do you think Nicodemus came to Jesus at night (3:1-2)?

What did Nicodemus believe about Jesus (3:2)? Why?

Jesus told Nicodemus “unless a person is born (anōthen), he cannot see the kingdom of God” (3:3). The Greek adverb (anōthen) commonly meant “from above” or sometimes “again” referring to a repeated event. Which way did Nicodemus understand Jesus’ statement (3:4)? What do you think Jesus intended?

What is the difference between being born of the flesh and born of the Spirit (3:6)?

How are the workings of the Holy Spirit similar to the workings of the wind (3:8)?

How would you describe what it means to be born from above (3:7) or, born of the Spirit (3:8) to someone?

What are the absolute truth statements that Jesus makes in this passage?

3:3 –

3:5 –

3:11 –

The expressions “verily, verily” (KJV) “very truly” (NIV) “solemn truth” (NET) in these verses indicate strong declarations of truth, Jesus intends that we understand these statements as absolutes.

Why are spiritual absolutes hard to understand?

Why did Jesus believe that Nicodemus should have understood these statements of truth (3:10)?

What is the outcome of faith in Jesus, the Son of Man (3:15-16)?

Why did God send His Son into the world (3:17)?

How did the Holy Spirit use other people, events and God's word to bring you to faith in Jesus?

## Live It!

### Seeking God for Life

*Heavenly Father, Help me to understand your love for me and accept what Jesus has done to give me new life. I want to be born from above by Your Spirit. I desire to live the rest of my life in the flesh with the assurance of eternal life in Christ. Amen.*

### Seeking God for Others

*PRAY: Heavenly Father, give me an opportunity to share what you have done for me with \_\_\_\_\_ because they need to know your love and new life from above. May Your Spirit give me the words to say, the ability to explain what you have done in a way that they will understand. In Jesus name, Amen.*

**PREPARE:** Outline how God used people, events and His word to bring you to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.