

Reading: John 3:1-21

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Singing: 308:1-3 – 323:1-4 – 384:1-5 – 22:4-6,9

The Glory of the Holy Spirit (3)
In His saving works
The New Birth (1)

I. THE GLORY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT'S SAVING WORKS

A. Though the Spirit is a Comforter, He typically does not begin with comfort

B. Examine Jesus' teaching in John 3:1-8

1. Who is visiting Jesus?

a. Nicodemus was a man of honor yet not born again (vs. 3, 7)

b. Nicodemus was a man of learning yet ignorant of new birth (vs. 4, 9)

c. Nicodemus was man with conviction yet unsaved (vs. 2)

2. What are these few observations doing to you?

a. They ought to cause you to cry to God (Ps. 19:13-15; 26:2; 139:23-24)

b. They must make us cautious to conclude all is well spiritually (Matt 7:15-23; 2 Cor. 13:5)

C. What is Jesus' teaching John 3:3-8?

1. Jesus tells we need something outside our ability to do (Eph. 1:19-20)

2. Jesus tells new birth is an absolutely needed

a. why cannot we be part of His Kingdom without the new birth?

b. meditate through Matt. 15:19; Eccl. 8:11; 9:3; Phil. 3:4-6; Titus 3:3

Living these truths: *What now? What will you do with Jesus' teaching?*

A. Do you despair of being saved *for it is out of your reach?*

B. Do you asking for real, "What must I do to be saved?"

1. Seek specifically for His Spirit in prayer:

- Lam. 5:21 *Turn Thou us unto Thee, O LORD, and we shall be turned.*

- Ps. 51:10 *Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.*

2. Place yourself where the Spirit works:

- 1 Thess. 5:19-20 *Quench not the Spirit. Despise not prophesyings.*

3. Honor the Spirit when He calls

- Proverb 1:23: *Turn you at my reproof: behold, I will pour out my spirit upon you, I will make know my words unto you.*

- Is. 63:10: *But they rebelled, and vexed His holy Spirit: therefore He was turned to be their enemy, and He fought against them*