

BORN AGAIN P2

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JOHN 3:1-15 P2
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2 TRUTHS & A LIE ABOUT SALVATION

LIE: You can get to _____ on your own v1-2

SALVATION IS NOT BASED ON:

- Good works **John 3:1** Now there was a man of the Pharisees...
- Good family ...named Nicodemus...
- Good status ...a ruler...
- Good citizenship ...of the Jews.

Truth: you need a _____ v3-10

1. Hear Jesus' _____ v3

- A statement of complete certainty **John 3:3** Truly, truly...
- A statement of divine authority ...I say...
- A statement of personal responsibility ...to you...
- A statement of individual necessity ...unless one...
- A statement of absolute exclusivity ...is born again...
- A statement of eternal destiny ...he cannot see the kingdom of God.

2. Understand Jesus' _____ v4-7

Ezekiel 36:25-27

Titus 3:5-6 He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit, ⁶ whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Ephesians 5:26 so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word.

1 Peter 1:23 For you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is, through the living and enduring word of God.

AT THE MOMENT OF SALVATION, THE SINNER IS:

REGENERATED—the sovereign work of God in which He imparts new life to a spiritually dead sinner. Titus 3:5

JUSTIFIED—a legal transaction whereby the sinner is declared righteous in the courtroom of heaven. Romans 5:4

FORGIVEN—absolved of guilt, debt is canceled, pardoned from penalty. Ephesians 4:32

RECONCILED—no longer at war with God, peace has been granted and relationship is restored. Colossians 1:20-22

ADOPTED—into the family of God and given all rights and privileges of a son/daughter. 1 John 3:1

UNITED WITH CHRIST—all the benefits of His life, death, and resurrection become theirs. Col 3:3

INDWELT BY THE HOLY SPIRIT—the Spirit of God takes up residence in the believer. Galatians 2:20

BAPTIZED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT—placed into Christ and His church. 1 Corinthians 12:13

SEALED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT—final salvation is guaranteed and the Spirit is given as a pledge. Ephesians 1:13

THE FLESH IS FLESH / THE SPIRIT IS SPIRIT

SPIRITUAL BLINDNESS **2 Corinthians 4:3-4** Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, ⁴ in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.
SPIRITUAL SIGHT **2 Corinthians 4:6** For God, who said, "Light shall shine out of darkness," is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

SPIRITUALLY DEAD **Colossians 2:13a** You were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh.

SPIRITUALLY ALIVE **Colossians 2:13b** He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions.

SLAVES TO SIN **John 8:34** Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is the slave of sin."

FREEDOM FROM SIN **John 8:36** So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

OPPOSED TO THE SPIRIT **Galatians 5:17** For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please.

LED BY THE SPIRIT **Galatians 5:16** But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.

LOVE THE WORLD 1 John 2:15-17 Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶ For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world. ¹⁷ The world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever.

LOVE THE FATHER 1 John 4:16 We have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us. God is love, and the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

LOVES THE DARKNESS John 3:19 The Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light.

LOVES THE LIGHT John 3:21 He who practices the truth comes to the Light so that his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in God.

UNABLE TO UNDERSTAND SPIRITUAL TRUTH 1 Corinthians 2:14 But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised.

ABLE TO UNDERSTAND SPIRITUAL TRUTH 1 Corinthians 2:12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may know the things freely given to us by God.

UNABLE TO SUBMIT TO GOD Romans 8:7 The mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able to do so.

ABLE TO OBEY GOD Romans 6:17 But thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, you became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were committed,

OBJECTS OF GOD'S WRATH Ephesians 2:3 Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.

OBJECTS OF GOD'S MERCY Ephesians 2:4-5 But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved).

3. Consider Jesus' _____ v8

- The Spirit is _____

John 3:8 The wind blows where it wishes...

Job 37:10-13 From the breath of God ice is made, and the expanse of the waters is frozen. ¹¹ Also with moisture He loads the thick cloud; He disperses the cloud of His lightning. ¹² It changes direction, turning around by His guidance, that it may do whatever He commands it on the face of the inhabited earth. ¹³ Whether for correction, or for His world, or for lovingkindness, He causes it to happen.

James 1:18 In the exercise of His will He brought us forth by the word of truth, so that we would be a kind of first fruits among His creatures.

- The Spirit is _____

...and you hear the sound of it...

Isaiah 55:9-11 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts. ¹⁰ For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there without watering the earth and making it bear and sprout, and furnishing seed to the sower and bread to the eater; ¹¹ so will My word be which goes forth from My mouth; it will not return to Me empty, without accomplishing what I desire, and without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it.

- The Spirit is _____

...but do not know where it comes from and where it is going.

Ecclesiastes 11:5 Just as you do not know the path of the wind and how bones are formed in the womb of the pregnant woman, so you do not know the activity of God who makes all things.

1 Corinthians 2:11 For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so the thoughts of God no one knows except the Spirit of God.

Job 11:7-8 Can you discover the depths of God? Can you discover the limits of the Almighty? They are high as the heavens, what can you do? Deeper than Sheol, what can you know?

Romans 9:6-23

4. Recognize your _____ v9-10

Deuteronomy 30:6 Moreover the Lord your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, to love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, so that you may live.

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

John 1:5 The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

1 Corinthians 1:18 For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Truth: You need a _____ v11-15

NEXT WEEK: Matthew 28



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