

I AM – Portraits of the King

Lesson 5 Jesus – The Life Giver (John 3:1-21)

INTRODUCTION

- A. What is the well-**used phrase**?
- B. Who is the **Originator** of the **phrase**?

WHAT IS BEING “BORN AGAIN”?

- A. Nicodemus John 3:1
 - 1. Who **was** he?
 - a. He was a **Pharisee**.
 - b. He was a part of the **ruling** council – the **Sanhedrin**.
 - c. He was a part of an **aristocratic** bloodline.
 - 2. What his life **exemplifies** – issues **important** to people.
 - a. I am a **good** person.
 - b. I come from a **great family**.
 - c. I am **educated**.
 - d. I am a **member** of...
 - 3. God desires the **internal** not the **external**.
- B. Nicodemus face to face with Jesus. John 3:2-3
 - 1. Nicodemus approaches with **politeness**.
 - 2. Jesus goes **straight** to the **heart** of the matter.
- C. Nicodemus mind to mind with Jesus John 3:4-8
 - 1. The **bait**
 - 2. The **Truth**
 - a. **Repentance**
 - b. Work of the **Spirit**
 - c. To be “**born again**”

HOW CAN THIS BE?

“Oh that a man to rise in me, that the man that I am, might cease to be.”

Alfred Lord Tennyson

A. The great illustration of the Cross. John 3:9-15

1. The **symbols**

2. The **analogies**

B. The great explanation of the Cross John 3:16-21

“John 3:16 is the gospel in miniature.”

Martin Luther