

# Sermon Notes

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### “BORN AGAIN: WHAT IT MEANS AND WHAT IT DOES NOT MEAN” (John 3:1-15)

**Introduction:** There is much {IGNORANCE & MISUNDERSTANDING} about the words “Born Again”. No text tells more clearly what it means and what it does {NOT} mean than {JESUS} conversation with Nicodemus. What does II Corinthians 5:17 mean?

#### I. SOME THINGS IT DOES {NOT} MEAN

1. It does not {RESTORE} the wasted years of sin. (John 3:4; Galatians 6:7-8; Ecclesiastes 12:1; Luke 23:39-43)
2. It does not {REVERSE} the consequences of sin. (John 3:1; John 3:10; Hebrews 12:16-17; Philemon 1:10-19)
3. It does not {REMOVE} the flesh nature. (John 3:5-7; II Corinthians 4:7; Galatians 5:16-17; Romans 7:18-23)

#### II. SOME THINGS IT {DOES} MEAN!

1. It does {ENABLE} a person to experience the ABUNDANT LIFE. (John 3:3; John 10:9-10; John 14:27; John 16:22; Galatians 5:22-23)

**NOTE:** Why do you think Nicodemus “came to Jesus....by night”? (John 3:2)

2. It does {ENSURE} a person of an ETERNAL HOME IN HEAVEN. (John 3:5; John 3:13-15; John 14:6; Matthew 7:21-23)
3. It does {EQUIP} a person to UNDERSTAND THE MYSTERIES OF GOD’S WORD. (John 3:9-12; I Corinthians 2:12-15)

**Conclusion:** Jesus clearly taught the {THREE} stages of salvation (John 3:5; John 3:8; John 3:15). These are: Regeneration; Sanctification; and Glorification.