

Gospel of John Bible Study Week 3

Chapter 3: 'You Must Be Born Again'

Theme of the Week:

Salvation is not about religious knowledge or heritage it is about spiritual rebirth through faith in Jesus Christ.

Outline of John Chapter 3:

1. Jesus and Nicodemus (John 3:1-12)

- Nicodemus, a Pharisee, comes to Jesus by night.
- Jesus tells him, Ye must be born again.
- Spiritual rebirth is a work of the Holy Spirit.

2. Gods Love and Salvation (John 3:13-21)

- John 3:16 declares Gods love and offer of eternal life.
- Belief in Jesus is the only path to salvation.
- Light has come, but many choose darkness.

3. John the Baptist Exalts Jesus (John 3:22-36)

- John testifies that Jesus must increase, and he must decrease.
- Jesus speaks the words of God and has the Spirit without measure.
- Eternal life comes through belief in the Son; rejection brings Gods wrath.

Key Verse to Memorize:

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16 (KJV)

Discussion Questions & Answers:

1. What did Jesus mean when He said 'Ye must be born again' (John 3:7)?

He meant a spiritual rebirth, not a physical one being born of the Spirit, not just of the flesh.

2. Why is John 3:16 so central to the gospel message?

Because it reveals God's love, Jesus' mission, and the promise of eternal life through belief.

3. What does it mean that people loved darkness more than light (John 3:19)?

It means many reject truth and cling to sin because they don't want their evil exposed.

4. What does John the Baptist mean by 'He must increase, but I must decrease' (John 3:30)?

John recognized that Jesus' role was greater and eternal, and that his own ministry was to point others to Christ.

Life Application:

Reflect: Have you experienced the new birth Jesus spoke of? Are you living in the light or hiding in the dark?

Act: Embrace the truth of John 3:16 personally. Share it with someone who needs to hear about God's love this week.