

# **The Three Parts of Initial Salvation**

**What is the biblical definition of salvation?**

**New birth, sanctification, glorification.**

**Where do we find initial salvation defined in three parts?**

**John 3:1-7**

**Now a certain man, a Pharisee named Nicodemus, who was a member of the Jewish ruling council, came to Jesus at night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the miraculous signs that you do unless God is with him.” <sup>3</sup> Jesus replied, “I tell you the solemn truth, unless a person is born from above, he cannot see the kingdom of God.” <sup>4</sup> Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter his mother’s womb and be born a second time, can he?”**

**<sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, “I tell you the solemn truth, unless a person is born of water and spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.” <sup>6</sup> What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup> Do not be amazed that I said to you, ‘You must all be born from above.’**

**The three parts: new birth, water birth and spirit birth.**

**Through new birth from above we are able to begin seeing the Kingdom.**

**Through water and spirit birth we are enabled to enter God’s purpose for us in His Kingdom.**

**Where else do we find mentioned these three parts of initial salvation?**

**The first evangelistic message of the church age:**

## **Acts 2**

**<sup>37</sup> Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?**

**<sup>38</sup> Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.**

**Notice the three parts and notice the order. Receiving the Holy Spirit usually comes after water baptism.**

**If we do not have all three we do not have the fullness of salvation. If we are born from above we have eternal salvation but without the other two we are not fully equipt to live the life God has for us.**

**Without the receiving of the Holy Spirit we do not have the full power to be His witnesses.**

**Without all three we are ill prepared to defeat sin and Satan.**

**In the next three lessons I will give a more in depth explanation of the new birth, water baptism and then Spirit baptism.**