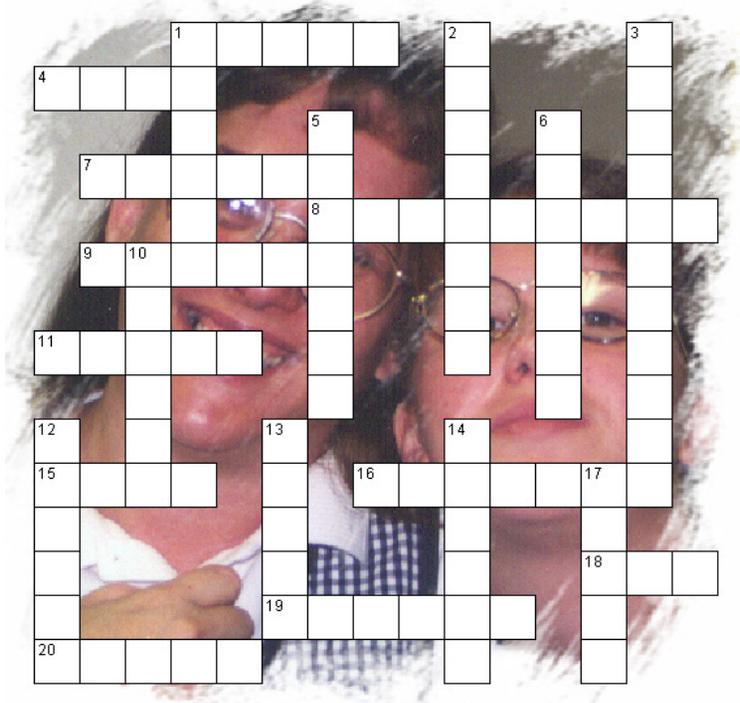


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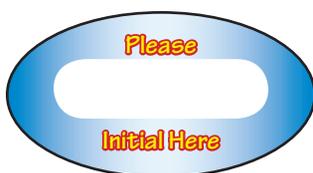


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| <p>1. Nicodemus had only the human life received from his human _____.</p> <p>4. We receive His eternal _____.</p> <p>7. Nicodemus was _____ in age.</p> <p>8. ... those who refuse God's _____.</p> <p>9. Jesus.</p> <p>11. Nicodemus had a "good" _____ life.</p> <p>15. You must be born _____.</p> <p>16. We must realize that our human life is not _____.</p> <p>18. The human life will come to an _____.</p> <p>19. By believing in Him, His Spirit, the Holy _____.</p> <p>20. The natural human life is overcome by _____.</p> | <p>1. Nicodemus wanted to learn to live a _____ human life.</p> <p>2. His need was not just improvement of his _____.</p> <p>3. His need was not just _____ of his behavior.</p> <p>5. Without God's salvation, our _____ is to perish with those who refuse...</p> <p>6. Nicodemus was an outstanding _____ and a leader of God's people.</p> <p>10. Nicodemus was _____ in disposition.</p> <p>12. Nicodemus _____ one thing: God's eternal life.</p> <p>13. Christ.</p> <p>14. We need a new beginning a new _____, a new birth.</p> <p>17. In John 3 we see the _____ teaching of the Lord's salvation.</p> |
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The Truth and Experience of God's Salvation

- Lesson Sixteen -

How to Be Saved - From Death (2)

I. Overview.

In this lesson we will continue our consideration of the matter of our salvation from death. As we mentioned in the last lesson, we must believe in our heart and confess with our mouth that Jesus Christ is Lord. In this lesson we will look at exactly what happens within us when we are saved.

We will consider the story of Nicodemus coming to the Lord Jesus as told in John chapter three. Nicodemus was a



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fine elderly Jewish leader. His humanity was excellent, but he knew that he still lacked something. The Lord Jesus told him that he did not need more teaching to perfect his humanity. What he needed was another birth – to be born anew with the divine life. In our salvation, God's divine life is "born into" us in our human spirit. We actually receive the life of the Lord Jesus Himself.

II. Memory Verse.

"That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I say to you, You must be born anew."

(John 3:6-7)

III. Lesson.

In John 3 we see the clear teaching of the Lord's salvation from death by being born anew. An elderly gentleman, Nicodemus, came to the Lord Jesus to learn how to live a better life in order to please God. Nicodemus was not an average Jew. He was a "ruler of the Jews." He was an outstanding citizen and a leader of God's people. Also, he was of the strictest part of the Jewish religion – a Pharisee. He was also mature in age and humble in his disposition. He had a seeking heart that brought him to the Lord Jesus.

Nicodemus Was a "Good" Man

Such a good man came to Jesus! What more did he need? He seemed to have everything. But he knew within that he lacked something. What he lacked was one thing: God's eternal life. Though he was so good and respectable, he had only the human life which he received from his human birth. Although he had a "good" human life, it was not a perfect human life. What's more, it was a dying human life. In a few short years Nicodemus' good human life would come to an end, and like all others, would be overcome by death.



Nicodemus knew that he lacked something. The Lord Jesus told him that he needed to be born anew.

The Lord Jesus surprised Nicodemus by telling him that he needed to be born again – to be born anew. At first, Nicodemus did not understand. His need was not just improvement of his behavior. His need was to have a completely new beginning, a new origin, a new birth.

We all, like Nicodemus, need to realize that our human life

is not perfect. In fact, it is "flesh." That means that it is actually full of corruption and death. We can be saved from the death of our fleshly, natural life only by being born again.

We may be born again by recognizing that we all, like Nicodemus, have been bitten by Satan and are dying. Our only salvation is to believe in, and receive, our dear Lord Jesus, God's only begotten Son. He came into the world to die for our sins upon the cross. By believing in Him, His Spirit, the Holy Spirit, actually enters into our spirit and we are born again. We receive His eternal life. This is the most important event in our human life. Without this happening, our destiny is to perish with those who refuse God's salvation.

--- Questions for Discussion ---

1. What kind of man was Nicodemus?

2. What was it that Nicodemus lacked and for which he came seeking the Lord Jesus?

3. Why is our natural human life not good enough?

4. What happens when we receive the Lord Jesus?

