

So that Jesus says to Nicodemus "As Moses lifted up the _____ in the wilderness, _____ must the Son of Man be lifted up; so that whoever believes will in Him have eternal life. For God so _____ the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever _____ in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. For God did not send the Son into the world to _____ the world, but that the world might be _____ through Him.

He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged _____, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. John 3:14-18

What a magnificent summation of the Gospel. Sin was the _____, judgment was the _____, but the _____ was the _____.

FURTHER STUDY:

Read John 12:32 and consider what Christ is promising in this passage.

Consider why it is important to understand sin and judgment in order to truly appreciate the Grace of God?

PREPARATION FOR NEXT CLASS:

Read John Chapter 4

A STUDY OF THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

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"Now there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews; this man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You have come from God [as] a teacher; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him." Jesus answered and said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." John 3:1-3

THE NECESSITY OF THE NEW BIRTH

While meeting with Nicodemus a _____ leader, Jesus makes the statement that _____ a man is _____ he cannot see the Kingdom of God. What then is this new birth, and how is it obtained. First of all we need to note that Jesus is using a figure of speech known as an _____. Idioms are not to be understood as literal statements.

DEFINING THE NEW BIRTH

#1 The New Birth is a _____ birth.

By implication this birth did not take place when your _____ birth took place. It is a separate _____ experience, which must take place in order for one to enter the Kingdom of God.

#2 The New Birth is _____.

Regeneration is an act of God whereby He _____ the spiritual condition of a sinner, by the work of the _____ so that the person then possesses new life.

“He saved us, not on the basis of _____ which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the _____ of regeneration and _____ by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by His grace we would be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.” Titus 3:5-7

#3 The New Birth is _____.

No one can enter the Kingdom of God who is not _____, therefore this ought to _____ the _____ to greater evangelism.

A TYPE OF CHRIST

Let us now look at one of the type which Christ uses to explain His _____ to Nicodemus. He said “As Moses lifted up the _____ in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up; so that whoever _____ will in Him have eternal life.” This is a reference to Numbers 21, in which we see the tree primary _____ of the Gospel. The first component to the Gospel story always begins in the same place; _____. Sin is the reason for the _____ of Man, and it is behind the episode which takes place in Numbers 21. What was the sin of Israel in this story.

Consider how our culture views sin today, we no longer like to use the word “sin”, instead we say _____, or _____. But by refusing to call sin what it is, we as a culture have closed the door to understanding the Gospel. As Dr. Albert Mohler states “*where sin is not sin, _____ cannot be grace. What need do men have for the _____ when they are told that their problem is something less than what the _____ teaches.*”

Now the next component of the Gospel which is seen here is _____. I realize that judgment is a _____ word in America today. We hate the idea of a _____ who _____ sin.

We see a shift has occurred in our cultures view of _____ justice. “How” the culture asks “can a _____ God judge _____ people?” We used to call prisons “prison,” then the term changed to _____, then to, _____. And since the culture thinks that it has evolved away from “punishment” to _____ then they want God to change also. For instance the teaching on Hell as a real place where _____ sinners will go is unpopular in America. Thus _____ has become a bad word in the _____, but almost nowhere else. Its sad to say but the more we try to soft peddle the truth about _____, the more people we doom to go there. God is a good, but His goodness does not cancel out His _____.

How did God judge Israel in this story

LOOK AND LIVE

We have seen “sin,” and “judgment.” But now we can fully understand the Gospel revealed in the final component of this story. God tells Moses that if those bitten by the serpents will _____ to the _____ on a staff, they will live. Here we see the culmination of the type, for all of us have _____, and as a result we are all under the _____ of God. Judgment was our rightful _____, and God was justified in doing so. Yet Christ came, and took the place of sinners, suffered the _____ of God on our behalf, and opened wide a door of _____.