

Born Again

John 3:1-21

Introduction: Today's message is about surviving the greatest and most deadly of all falls: Man's deadly fall into sin. In case you haven't noticed, everyone around you is seriously flawed by sin... you are deeply flawed too!

"The sin nature of man is the only religious doctrine that can be scientifically, empirically verified. All you have to do is observe people." - G.K. Chesterton

Everyone has fallen. We are all damaged goods. *Romans 3:23* says, "For **all** have **sinned and fall short** of the glory of God." Everyone is falling toward certain death. *Romans 6:23* says, "For the wages of sin is **death**"

In today's message from *John 3*, Jesus reveals the perfect catch for the most deadly fall.

The Late Night Meeting (vs. 1-2)

"Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night..."

The Mysterious Birth (vs. 3-8)

"Jesus answered him, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.'"

The Miraculous Process of the New Birth (vs. 4-8)

"Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God."

The Marvelous Person who Provides the New Birth (vs. 9-15)

"And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life."

The Magnificent Opportunity to have Eternal Life (vs. 16)

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."

The Misery of Missing Eternal Life (vs. 17-18)

“For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world...”

Conclusion: Where do you stand before God today? Are you born again? Truly born of the Holy Spirit?