

**JOHN PART III**  
**“ACCOMPLISHING THE IMPOSSIBLE”**  
**SCRIPTURE: JOHN 3:1-21**  
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**INTRODUCTION**

- Billy Graham – “We live on a diet of information, but we ...forgot that our souls need to feed and grow.”
- John 3:16, “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish, but have eternal life.”

**I. GETTING TO THE MATTERS OF THE HEART**

- Verse 1 - Who is Nicodemus? To many he's a success! He is accomplished. A Pharisee.
- Verse 1 - A ruler of the Jews.
- Verse 10 - The teacher of Israel.
  - He was smart and refined, and thoughtful.
- Jesus cut right to the heart of the matter.
- Jesus knows what's happening in our hearts.
- John 2:24-25, “...He Himself knew what was in man.”
- There is no hiding here! God isn't fooled.
- Verse 3 - First time the term “born again” was used.
- John 1:12 says the same thing “born...of God”
- Born once of the flesh, but must be born twice...also of the Spirit.

**II. FINDING REAL SUCCESS IN LIFE**

- Verse 4 - Nicodemus spent his life studying God and he can't figure out grace!
- We get stuck in the physical realm when He wants us to become spiritual people.

- Verses 5-7 – Before human life you have to be born, before you can have spiritual life you have to be reborn.
- Titus 3:4-6, “...He saved us, not on the basis of deeds ...but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit...”
- Water and Spirit = the washing of God
- Verse 8 - “The wind” where does it come from? Where is it going? Jesus says rebirth is the same.
- It is a mystery! Defies logic = faith

**III. THE PROPHECY OF POSSIBILITY**

- The story of a snake - Numbers 21:4-9
- Thousands of Jews were being bitten and killed ...Moses asks God for help.
- God says make a bronze serpent, put it on a pole and when the people look on him they will be healed.
- For a thinking person this is a problem.
- Verse 14 - Prophetic word, “even so the Son of Man must be lifted up.” No logic to it...faith is the key.
- Verse 15 - Jesus goes to the cross is lifted up and heals people who look to Him “whoever believes in Him.”
- By all of the world's standards Nicodemus was a success.

**IV. FINDING SUCCESS THAT LASTS**

- Jesus said to Nicodemus – John 3:16
- Belief and life go together.
- Eternal life = zoe...bios is heart beat
- Success in God = Jesus
- Verse 16 - The motivation for the gift isn't our need, it was God's love for us.
- We receive Christ when we believe.