

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS: JOHN, CHAPTER 3 - WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?**

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Last Week – Who is God? The Creator, The Word, The Lamb and the Glorified/Glorifying One

### **1 THE GOSPEL**

**HOW WOULD YOU EXPLAIN “THE GOSPEL”?**

It's the Good News! The Great News! In fact, it the greatest news ever!

It's the redeeming sinful man back to God! It's the reconciling us in our death through sin condition back to a relationship with a perfect, sinless God. It's been summarized, wonderfully in 25 words in one verse, right here in *Joh 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.*

What does “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son” really stand for and what does it mean? Why does, why did God need or want to show such great love to us?

We need to go back to the beginning, to the Book of Genesis; - Gen 1:1 *In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Gen 1:26-27 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."* [27] *So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Gen 2:16-17 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; [17] but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."* Gen 3:6 *So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.*

Then the conditional promise in the balance of John 3:16 - *that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.*

### **2 BORN AGAIN**

**JESUS TELLS NICODEMUS THAT HE MUST BE BORN AGAIN TO SEE THE KINGDOM OF GOD.**

**WHAT DOES “BORN AGAIN” MEAN TO YOU? WHAT DOES “THE KINGDOM OF GOD” MEAN TO YOU?**

Reborn spiritually Jn. 3:1-8; Kingdom of God where God is ruling/where He rules!

**ARE YOU CERTAIN THAT YOU ARE “BORN AGAIN”?**

Repentance of Sins; confessing and turning from your sins; surrendering your life to our Lord Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord!

Rom 10:9-10 *that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. [10] For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. Rom 10:13 For "WHOEVER CALLS ON THE NAME OF THE LORD SHALL BE SAVED."*

**WHAT DOES THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT MEAN? “IF YOU’RE BORN TWICE, YOU’LL ONLY DIE ONCE, BUT IF YOUR BORN ONCE, YOU’LL DIE TWICE”?**

The Bible refers to that as the second birth – born twice; first physically; second spiritually. Also The Bible speaks of two deaths – a physical death and a spiritual death (for unbelievers – Great White Throne judgment – Rev. chap 20). We can conclude born twice – die once! Or born once – die twice!

**GOD’S PART/ OUR PART - HOW DOES JOHN 3:16 SUMMARIZE GOD’S LOVE TO MANKIND? DO YOU HAVE A PART IN COMPLETING WHAT GOD DID IN GIVING HIS ONLY SON? IF SO, WHAT IS YOUR PART?**

### **3 ETERNAL LIFE – 2 PLACES WHERE IT WILL BE SPENT**

**HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE WHAT "ETERNAL LIFE" MEANS TO YOU? DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOU WILL BE SPENDING IT? AND WHY? WHO CHOOSES WHERE ONE WILL SPEND ETERNITY, GOD OR YOU?**

*Joh 3:36 He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."*

**DO YOU NOW UNDERSTAND BETTER WHY THE GOSPEL HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS THE “GOOD NEWS”?**