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John 3:1-7

INT:

Problems in world change: Now: Vietnam, poverty, riots, integration, equal opportunities, credibility gap etc. ONE solution to it all. New Birth! Improve humanity! World changed and improved one man at a time. Spr. method. Objection: Slow! True, but only SURE way. Need patience! NICODEMUS' problems all solved by N.B. Explains: 3:3,5,12

I. VITAL FACTS ABOUT THE NEW BIRTH.

- A. II Cor. 5:17. Total overhaul. Old to new. Matt. 18:3-4
- B. I Pet. 1:22-23.*Produced by Word. Heb. 4:12.
- C. I John 5:1-5.* Proofs: Faith and love.

II. WHAT IS THE "ESSENCE" OF THE NEW BIRTH? V. 6-8.*

- A. Begins with Corrupt Man. Rom. 6:17-18* Eph. 4:22-25.*
- B. Ends with Righteous Man. Luke 10:27.

1. HEART: Emotional nature changed by the Gospel.
Indifference to love. John 20:30-31. Acts 2:37-38.
2. SOUL: Volitional nature changed by the Gospel.
Rebellion to surrender. Acts 9:6-19. True love!
3. MIND: Intellectual nature changed by the Gospel.
Unbelief to Faith. Rom. 10:17. Rom. 12:1-2. J.12:1-18
4. BODY: (strength). Physical changed by the Gospel.
Disobedience to willing-obedience. I Pet. 3:21.

III. WHAT THE NEW BIRTH HAS DONE FOR SINCERE BELIEVERS.

1. College boy—stripped the walls of obscene pictures.
2. Mother—turned her attention to Spr. needs of family.
3. Daughter—prevented a nicotine-fein or alcoholic.
4. Father—made a real Dad out of a selfish golfer.
5. Young boy—stopped stealing at local 7-11 store.
6. College girl—quit cheating during exams. Etc. etc.

INV: You are sitting where Nicodemus sat. Vs. 2.

Jesus tell YOU, "You must be born again!"

Believe you WANT the new and better life.Believe you WILL come NOW as we stand and sing.