

MISSIO DEI *cont'd*
“All Men, New Men”

Jn. 3:1-16

Intro:

v 1 A Pharisee and a Sanhedrinist
“at night”

v 2 a “teacher from God”

v 3 Jesus speaks to his unspoken longing.

The “kingdom of God”

- God’s rule
- In God’s realm

It is instituted now and fulfilled upon Christ’s return.
But it requires a rebirth because man cannot enter on
his own.

v 4 How?

v 5 You need not another birth but a different birth.

v 6 Because man can only bring forth fallen men.

v 7– 8 Sound impossible? It’s being born of “water and
spirit.” The wind (Spirit) is evident and mysterious.

v 9 Nicodemus simply cannot fathom the rebirth.

v 10 As a teacher he should know Jer. 31 and Ezek. 36

v 11 The rebirth is an “earthly thing” that is observable
through Christ, the 12 and His changing of those He
ministered to.

v 12 If you don’t believe the observable what will you do
when you hear of “heavenly” non-observable things?

v 13 “And I should know...as I’ve come from heaven.”
(Prov. 30:1-4)

v 14 One heavenly thing is the cross

v 15 Another is “whoever”. The anticipation is the church age.

v 16 John’s commentary on the heavenly.

*God so loved
the world
He gave
His only begotten Son
whoever
believes in Him
should not perish
but have
everlasting life.*