

# GREG'S NOTES

## A NEW BEGINNING TEACHING OUTLINES

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### HEART TO HEART

John 2

What if you had the ability look into a person's mind and soul when you converse with them? To see what is really in their human heart? To know what their secret sin is? To know more about them than you would probably ever want to know? Jesus would look at people and He would know what they were all about. Periodically He would call people out in that regard.

In today's study, we are going to see a conversation that changed human history between wealthy, pious, and religious Nicodemus and Jesus the carpenter's son from Nazareth.

### PRACTICAL PRINCIPLES

1. **Jesus and Nicodemus are face to face.** John 3:2 says, "He came to Jesus by night." The fact that Nicodemus came to Jesus by night is mentioned more than once in Scripture. Why did he come at night? Maybe because he was one of the most famous teachers in all of Israel. In the end Jesus said, "You must be born again" and Nicodemus turned out to be one of the most courageous followers of Jesus Christ.
2. **Jesus and Nicodemus are mind to mind.** Nicodemus asked, "How can a man be born when he is old?" Jesus answered, in verse 8, "The wind blows where it wishes, you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit."
3. **Jesus and Nicodemus are heart to heart.** Verse 9 reads, "Nicodemus answered and said to Him, 'How can these things be?'" I am an old man. I am set in my ways. How can I be born again? "Jesus answered and said to him, 'Are you the teacher of Israel, and do not know these things?'" Then He explained in verse 14, "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life."

### RELEVANT REMINDERS

- God longs for a relationship with us.
- You cannot be a Christian without being born again. To be born again is absolutely essential.
- The offer for eternal life is for everyone. "For God so loved the world He gave His only begotten Son." God reached down to humanity through Christ.
- Whoever believes can be forgiven. Put your full trust in Christ. Cling to Him.

### APPLICABLE ACTIONS

No one is beyond the reach of God. If you have not been born again, you will not get into heaven. Being a moral or religious person won't get you into heaven. Those things don't matter. You have to admit you are a sinner, turn from your sin, and realize Jesus died on the cross for you because there is no other way for you to get right with God.