



Knowing Christ

The Gift of God



The Curious Ruler

- ^{NAS} **John 3:1** Now there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews; ² this man came to Him by night, and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You have come from God as a teacher; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him."

The Curious Response

- ^{NAS} **John 3:2** ..."Rabbi, we know that You have come from God as a teacher; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him." ³ Jesus answered and said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

Born *Again* or *From Above*

- ^{NAS} **John 3:3** Jesus answered and said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." ⁴ Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born, can he?"

Born of the Spirit

- ^{NAS} **John 3:6** "That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ "Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' ⁸ "The wind blows where it wishes and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going; so is everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹ Nicodemus answered and said to Him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰ Jesus answered and said to him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and do not understand these things?"

Begotten of God

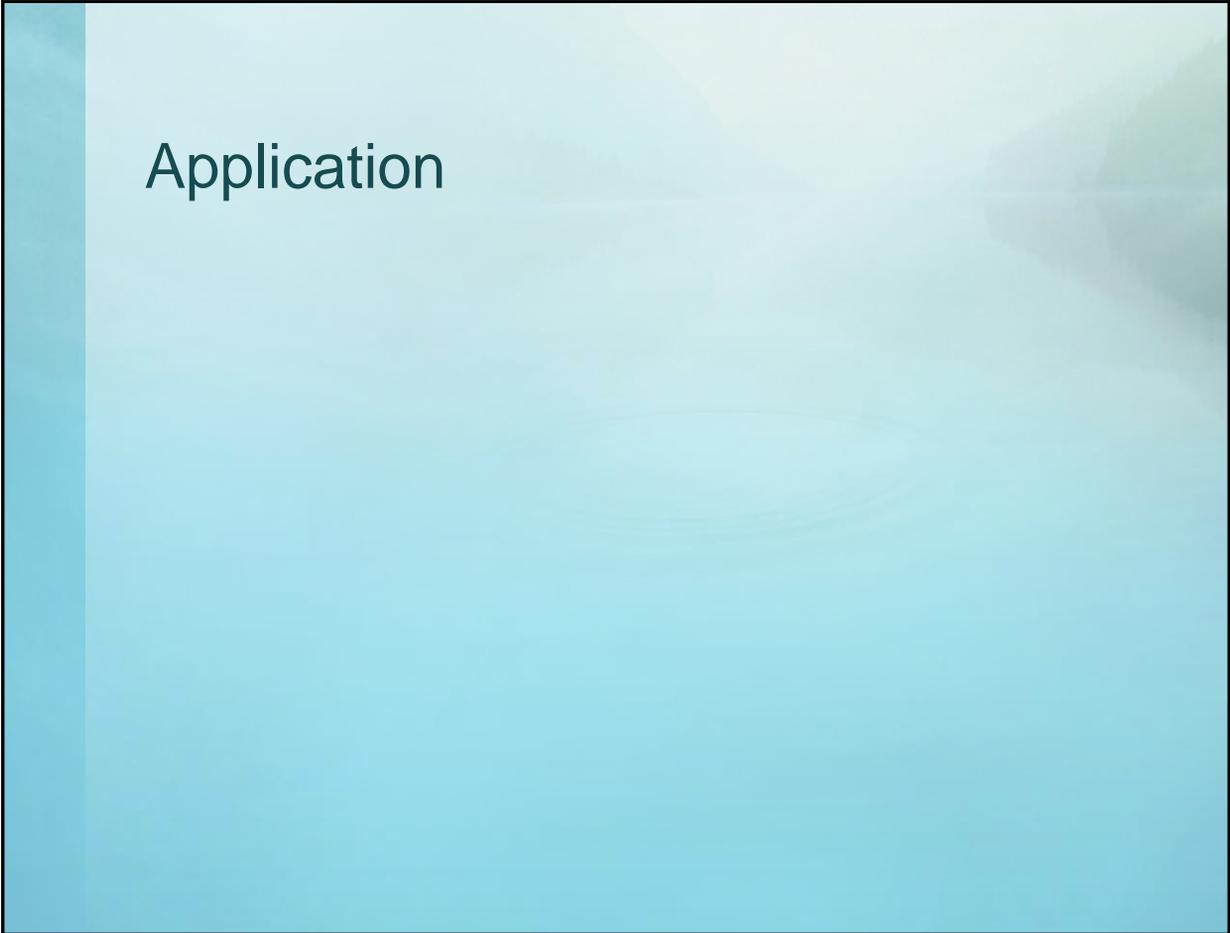
- NAS **John 3:3** ...unless one *is born again* [was begotten from above], he cannot see the kingdom of God.“
- NAS **John 3:6** “... that which *is born of the Spirit* [has been begotten by the Spirit] is spirit
- NAS **John 1:12** But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name, ¹³ who were born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.
 - *Lit., “but of God were begotten”*

New Life is Eternal Life

- ^{NAS} **John 3:3** ...unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. "... ⁵ ... unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.
- ^{NAS} **John 3:15** that whoever believes may in Him have eternal life. ¹⁶ "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.
 - V.15 Lit., "*all the believing in him ones* shall have eternal life"
 - V.16 Lit., "*all the believing in him ones* shall not perish but shall have eternal life"
- We are the believing ones because we were begotten of God, and our receiving of eternal life is our entrance into the kingdom of God

Eternal Life is the Gift of God

- ^{NAS} **John 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 eternal life.
- ^{NAS} **Romans 6:23** For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
- ^{NIV} **1 John 5:11** And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.
- ^{NAS} **Ephesians 2:8** For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God;
- ^{ESV} **Romans 11:29** For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.



Application

New Life *is* a New Life

- ^{NAS} **John 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 eternal life...²¹ "But he who practices the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in God."
- ^{NAS} **Ephesians 2:8** For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God... ¹⁰ For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Walk in Newness of Life

- ^{NAS} **Romans 6:4** Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, in order that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.
- ^{NAS} **Philippians 2:12** So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³ for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.

Conclusions

Trust the Giver

- ^{NAS} **John 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 eternal life.
- ^{NAS} **Romans 8:31** What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³² He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?
- ^{NAS} **1 Corinthians 2:9** but just as it is written, "Things which eye has not seen and ear has not heard, And *which* have not entered the heart of man, All that God has prepared for those who love Him."

He /s Able

- ^{NAS} **Romans 16:25** Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ ...
- ^{NAS} **Ephesians 3:20** Now to Him who is able to do exceeding abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us,
- ^{NAS} **Jude 1:24** Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy,

Praise the Giver

- ^{ESV} **1 Peter 1:3** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.