

Sunday AM Sermon – August 8, 2021

## How Can Someone be Born When they are Old?

John 3:1-9



Can old dogs learn new tricks? Do old habits die hard? Jesus would agree that old habits die hard that it is impossible for old dogs to learn new tricks. But everything is possible for God. What do we learn from Nicodemus' desperate cry?



1. Mark the number of times you hear these words

Born –

Nicodemus –

Spirit –

2. What do some people do when their life reality doesn't match what they should be?

3. How does God view people who are outside of Christ?

4. What is conversion?

5. What is conversion NOT?

6. What made Jesus' words so hard for Nicodemus to accept?

7. Need #1: We need a \_\_\_\_\_

8. Why did Paul write, *be filled with the Spirit* (Ephesians 5:18)?

9. Need #2: We need a \_\_\_\_\_

10. What did Nicodemus want?

11. Need #3: We need a \_\_\_\_\_

12. What does it mean that we are all projects under construction?

13. Need #4: We need to \_\_\_\_\_ where the Holy Spirit \_\_\_\_\_

14. What are some possible reactions to the Holy Spirit's leading?

15. What is meant to happen at baptism in terms of conversion?



### Faith Talk, Faith Walk

*Spend time with family or friends (maybe over a meal or during a family devotional) discussing the following related to the sermon*

**Faith Talk:** What do you do when your reality doesn't measure up to your expectations (nor God's)?

**Faith Walk:** Start each day with a prayer to die to self and walk with the Holy Spirit.

*If you are here and have been touched or convicted by something said or done today we would love to study the Bible with you and introduce you more fully to our Savior, Jesus Christ. Just call the church office at 795-4377 and we will set something up. God bless*

*amen!*

**Next Sunday AM Sermon – Silent Pleading (Luke 7:36-50)**

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### ***Discussion Starter Questions***

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1. Jesus said that we must be born again. He promised to give newness of life. Paul said that anyone who belongs to Christ is a new person. What personally comes to your mind when you hear about being made new?
2. There seems to be some confusion about conversion. What is entailed in conversion to Christ?
3. Nicodemus had a hard time comprehending the idea of being born again. Why do you think he had such a hard time?
4. What is the Holy Spirit's role in us being born again?
5. What does a seeking attitude have to do with being born again?
6. What does having a moldable heart have to do with being born again?
7. What does a willingness to follow the Holy Spirit have to do with being born again?
8. If someone approached you who was older and sort of set in his ways and asked about how to be born again, what would you tell him?