

## INTRODUCTION

- \* We have been studying The Gospel of Jesus Christ according to John. As we have noted, John's major purpose is to undergird the unity of the church through the presentation of the proof that Jesus is the Son of God.
- \* Throughout the first two chapters of the book, John has been revealing testimony that supports that claim.
- \* Last week, in our examination of chapter 2, we saw how John revealed Jesus' power over nature by turning water into wine at the wedding of Cana. Additionally, in the section regarding His cleansing of the temple we are told ... "Now when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover, during the feast, many believed in His name when they saw the signs which He did." (cf. John 2:23)
- \* Jesus was performing many other signs other than the few that John is choosing to highlight to prove the deity of Christ.
- \* It is in the context of seeing these irrefutable signs, that we continue our consideration of John's testimony. For John now begins to share about an encounter that Jesus had with an older Pharisee named Nicodemus.
- \* It is this conversation with Nicodemus which contains some of the clearest statements regarding God's provision of salvation. Yet, at the same time, this conversation contains some deep truths to ponder and continue to meditate upon.

## INSTRUCTION

### I. THE NATURE OF GOD'S PROVISION OF SALVATION (v. 1-12)

#### A. The E\_\_\_\_\_ of Being Born Again (v. 1-6)

1. THE QUESTION:
2. THE RESPONSE:
  - a.
  - b.

#### B. The E\_\_\_\_\_ of Being Born Again (v. 7-8)

1. THE E\_\_\_\_\_ OF THE SPIRIT (cf. Hebrews 11:1; James 2:26)
2. THE D\_\_\_\_\_ OF THE SPIRIT (cf. 1 Peter 2:1-3; Hebrews 5:12-14)
3. THE F\_\_\_\_\_ OF THE SPIRIT (cf. Galatians 5:16-25)

### II. THE AGENT OF GOD'S PROVISION OF SALVATION (v. 13-17)

#### A. The M\_\_\_\_\_ Illustration (v. 13-15; Numbers 21:4-9)

#### B. The M\_\_\_\_\_ Realization (v. 16-17)

### III. THE APPLICATION OF GOD'S PROVISION OF SALVATION (v. 16-21)

A. The D\_\_\_\_\_ ... To R\_\_\_\_\_ or R\_\_\_\_\_ ... The S\_\_\_\_\_ of our S\_\_\_\_\_

B. The M\_\_\_\_\_ ... To R\_\_\_\_\_ or R\_\_\_\_\_ ... The R\_\_\_\_\_ of our H\_\_\_\_\_

## INTROSPECTION

- \* WHO IS JESUS TO YOU?
- \* HAVE YOU RECOGNIZED YOUR NEED FOR SALVATION AND GONE TO JESUS FOR THE CURE?
- \* DO YOU HAVE A GREATER DESIRE FOR SIN, OR FOR THE THINGS OF GOD?
- \* IS THERE A NEED TO CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK ... AND, THEREFORE, THE WAY YOU ACT?

## INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion

- \* Romans 6, 7 and 8 contain an extensive discussion of walking in the flesh vs. walking in the Spirit. Read Romans 8:1-17. How does Paul's teaching tie into Jesus' teaching to Nicodemus?