

**Nic at Night
John 3:1-8**

**Russell Cook
West End Church of Christ
Knoxville, TN**

1. What does it mean to be born again?
2. The Bible says that Nicodemus was no ordinary citizen. He was a religious Pharisee, a leader of the Jews, a Sanhedrin.

I. Who Was Nicodemus? “Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a member of the Jewish ruling council.” John 3:1

- A. There’s a lot we don’t know about Nicodemus.
- B. He was a man with position.
- C. He was popular.
- D. He had acquired prestige.
- E. He was known for his piety.
- F. Nicodemus came with a great deal of respect for Jesus. **John 3:2**

II. You Must Be Born Again. “In reply Jesus declared, ‘I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again.’” John 3:3

- A. Here was a man who was doing everything he thought God wanted.
- B. Rebirth was not a new concept to the Jews. **John 3:4**

III. The Water and the Spirit. “Jesus answered, ‘I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’” John 3:5-7

- A. The first time, Jesus described the conversion process as being born again.
 1. **1 Peter 1:23**
 2. **Titus 3:4-7**
- B. One thing that keeps people from being born again is that they do not see the need.
 1. **Romans 6:3-4**

IV. You Should Not Be Surprised. “The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.” John 3:8

- A. The new birth will result in a totally new lifestyle.