### John 3:16

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

- Loved -
- Believes -
- Perish -
- Eternal life -

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# What does "Born Again" Mean?

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What does it mean to be born again?

John 3:1Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a member of the Jewish ruling council.

<sup>2</sup> He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the miraculous signs you are doing if God were not with him."

John 3:3 In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, <u>no</u> <u>one can see</u> the <u>kingdom of God</u> unless he is <u>born again</u>."

• Kingdom of God -

Born again -

# Understanding being born again

John 3:4 "How can a man be born when he is old?"
Nicodemus asked. "Surely he cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb to be born!"

John 3:5 Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, no one can <u>enter</u> the kingdom of God unless he is <u>born of water and the Spirit</u>.

John 3:6 Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.

John 3:7 "You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.'

John 3:8 The <u>wind</u> 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."

## The problem with sin

John 3:19 This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil.

John 3:20 Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed.<sup>1</sup>

John 3:21 But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what he has done has been done through God."

Romans 3:13 "Their throats are open graves; their tongues practice deceit." "The poison of vipers is on their lips." <sup>14</sup> "Their mouths are full of cursing and bitterness." <sup>15</sup> "Their feet are swift to shed blood; <sup>16</sup> ruin and misery mark their ways, <sup>17</sup> and the way of peace they do not know."