

I. Nicodemus

A. Pharisee

1. Defender of the Word
2. Diligent follower of God

B. The Teacher

1. Heart for others to also seek God
2. Place of great prominence in the city of Jerusalem and the nation of Israel

II. The Need

A. Unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God

1. That is impossible
 - a. Physically
 - b. Spiritually

B. New Birth is the work of the Spirit

1. We are dead in sin by nature
2. We cannot do what God asks us to do
3. God can give new life by His Spirit
 - a. The Christian life is not a new commitment
 - b. The Christian life is a new life

III. The Path

- A. No one can bring the new birth in themselves
- B. Possibility of new life comes to us through the death of Jesus Christ on the cross
- C. Our need is to look to Him in faith

IV. The Explanation

- A. In the love of God provision for the need of man has been made in Christ
- B. Those who believe will be delivered from the condemnation which hangs over all men
- C. The act of faith involves an act of moving away from sin
 - 1. People miss eternal life because of a love for sin
- D. Those who come to God ultimately realize that everything that took place in their salvation was an act of the grace of God