

Searching for Truth

New Life – Part 2

Life Church St. Louis – September 23, 2018

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2 Corinthians 5:17 (ESV) *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.*

John 4:23 (ESV) *But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him.*

John 8:31-32 (ESV) *So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”*

1. You must be born _____

John 3:2-3 (ESV) *This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.”*

John 3:4-5 (ESV) *Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.*

John 3:7-8 (ESV) *Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”*

2. You must _____ the truth

John 3:9 (ESV) *Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?”*

John 3:11b-12 (ESV) *... but you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things?*

3. You must _____ in Jesus

John 3:14-15 (ESV) *And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.*

John 3:16 (ESV) *“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.*

4. Believers in Jesus are not _____

John 3:18 (ESV) *Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.*

John 3:19-20 (ESV) *And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed.*

John 3:21 (ESV) *But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.”*

Action Plan for This Week

☐ Have a daily quiet time of Bible reading & prayer.
☐ Mon ☐ Tue ☐ Wed ☐ Thu ☐ Fri ☐ Sat ☐ Sun

☐ Invite a friend for our message series **New Life** next Sunday.

☐ How will I obey God’s Word this week? _____

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- Intro. What does it mean for a believer to be a “new creation” (1 Corinthians 5:17)?
- What is the relationship between worshipping God in Spirit and worshipping Him in truth (John 4:23)?
- How can a person know the truth (John 8:31-32)? How does the truth set a person free?
- 1A. In what ways did Jesus in John 3:3 answer Nicodemus’ statement in John 3:2?
- 1B. How does John 7:37-39 help us understand how being born again is being born of water and the Spirit (John 3:4-5)?
- 1C. How are those who are born of the Spirit like the wind (John 3:7-8)?
- 1D. Why must a person be born again to see and enter the Kingdom of God?
- 2A. What do you think Nicodemus was struggling to understand in his conversation with Jesus (John 3:4, 9)?

- 2B. What earthly things spoken by Jesus did Nicodemus and many other Jews choose not to believe (John 3:10-12, John 3:2, John 2:11)?
- 2C. What earthly things should lead every person to believe in God (Romans 1:19-21)? How can we use these signs in witnessing?
- 3A. How does Moses and the bronze serpent help explain how and why a person must be born again (John 3:14-15, Numbers 21:9)?
- 3B. How would you explain the Gospel from John 3:16 to someone who had never heard about Jesus?
- 3C. How is perishing the polar opposite of having eternal life (John 3:16)? Why do so many people think they’re going to heaven (64%) but not hell (0.5%)?
- 4A. Why are those who do not believe in Jesus condemned already (John 3:18)? What does it mean to be condemned?
- 4B. Why do unbelievers love the darkness (John 3:19-20)? What does darkness represent?
- 4C. Why do believers come to the light (John 3:21, John 8:12)?
- 4D. What popular misconceptions about salvation does Jesus’ teaching in John 3: 1-21 refute?