

All About Jesus Revival Seminar

#3 - *Born Twice?*

1. How do you fall in love? - No formula - The Click!
2. “Click” indicators
 - a. Central focus of life
 - b. Deep interest in learning about
 - c. Love to talk with
 - d. Desire to spend time with every day
 - e. Talk about to others
3. As sinners, we are not naturally attracted to God
 - a. Sin = Telling God to go away and leave me alone
 - b. 1 Corinthians 2:14 - Natural man cannot discern things if God - Foolishness - Spiritually discerned
 - c. 2 Corinthians 4:3-4 - Gospel is veiled to the lost - Blinded by the god of this age
 - d. John 6:44 - No one can come to Jesus unless he is drawn by the Father

See also: Steps to Christ, p.45.0 - There are those who profess to serve God, while they rely upon their own efforts to obey His law, to form a right character, and secure salvation. Their hearts are not moved by any deep sense of the love of Christ, but they seek to perform the duties of the Christian life as that which God requires of them in order to gain heaven. Such religion is worth nothing. When Christ dwells in the heart, the soul will be so filled with His love, with the joy of communion with Him, that it will cleave to Him; and in the contemplation of Him, self will be forgotten. Love to Christ will be the spring of action. Those who feel the constraining love of God, do not ask how little may be given to meet the requirements of God; they do not ask for the lowest standard, but aim at perfect conformity to the will of their Redeemer. With earnest desire they yield all and manifest an interest proportionate to the value of the object which they seek. A profession of Christ without this deep love is mere talk, dry formality, and heavy drudgery.
4. Conversion indicators
 - a. Is Jesus the central focus of my life?
 - 1) Exodus 20:3 - No other gods before Me
 - 2) Matthew 22:37 - Love God with ALL...
 - 3) Philippians 4:4 - Rejoice in the Lord always
 - b. Do I have a deep interest learning about Jesus - Reading God’s Word
 - 1) 1 Peter 2:2 - Desire the pure milk of the Word
 - 2) Matthew 4:4 - Man shall not live by bread alone...
 - 3) John 6:48 - I am the bread of life.
 - v.57 - ...he who feeds on Me will live because of Me.
 - v.58 - He who eats this bread will live forever.
 - c. Do I love to talk with Jesus? - Prayer
 - 1) Philippians 4:6 - ...in everything by prayer and supplication...
let your requests be made known to God...
 - 2) Colossians 4:2 - Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it...
 - 3) 1 Thessalonians 5:17 - ...pray without ceasing...

- d. Do I desire to spend time with Jesus every day?
 - 1) Matthew 6:11 - Give us this day our daily bread.
 - 2) Luke 9:23 - ...take up his cross daily, and follow Me.
 - 3) 1 Corinthians 15:31 - ...I die daily.
- e. Do I love to talk about Jesus to others?
 - 1) Hebrews 3:13 - ...exhort one another daily...

5. John 3:1-15 - The New Birth

See also: Desire of Ages, p.176.1 - In the interview with Nicodemus, Jesus unfolded the plan of salvation, and His mission to the world. In none of His subsequent discourses did He explain so fully, step by step, the work necessary to be done in the hearts of all who would inherit the kingdom of heaven. At the very beginning of His ministry He opened the truth to a member of the Sanhedrin, to the mind that was most receptive, and to an appointed teacher of the people. But the leaders of Israel did not welcome the light. Nicodemus hid the truth in his heart, and for three years there was little apparent fruit.

- a. Nicodemus - vs.1,10
 - 1) Pharisee
 - 2) Ruler of the Jews
 - 3) THE teacher in Israel
 - 4) "4th" generation Jew
- b. Can we discuss spiritual matters? - vs.2-3
 - 1) Matthew 13:14 - Hear but not understand
 - 2) 2 Corinthians 4:3-4 - Blinded by the god of this age
 - 3) 1 Corinthians 2:14 - Foolishness to the natural man
- c. How can an old man be born again? - vs.4-8
- d. How are these things able to come-into-being (for me)? - vs.9-15

6. Numbers 21:4-9 - The Bronze Serpent on a pole

7. Look and live!

- a. John 1:29 - Behold the Lamb of God
- b. John 12:32 - If I am lifted up, I will draw all people

8. Summary Points on Conversion / New Birth

- a. The Holy Spirit is responsible for the New Birth
- b. All I can do is look daily in the direction of the uplifted Savior, asking Jesus to reveal himself to me
- c. If I do – Jesus promises to...
 - 1) Bring the click - the conversion experience
 - 2) Transform me into a new creation