

We Are Going To See The King! Series: Gospel of John, #9 John 3:1-21 Pastor Lyle Wahl May 7, 2023

Theme: The new birth is your passport to see the King.

Why do I need this passport?

- 1. The need seen in Jesus' encounter with Nicodemus. (1-7)
- 2. But, why? (Psalm 14:1, 15:1-2; see also Romans 3:23, 6:23)

What is this passport?

- 1. It is something totally new. (3, 5-7; see also 2 Corinthians 5:17)
- 2. It opens the door to eternal life. (16)
- 3. It is God's work and gift. (5-6, 8. 13-16; see also Romans 6:23, Ephesians 2:8-10)
- 4. It is confirmed in everyday life. (19-21)

How do I receive this passport?

- 1. Our action: faith. (15-16, 18; 1:12, 5:24)
- 2. The object of our faith: Jesus Christ. (15-16, 18; see also 1:12, 5:24, 14:6)

In My Life This Week

As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.)

Monday. John 3 is a familiar section of the Bible for many people. Read 3:1-21 though slowly and thoughtfully, noting observations and questions. Thank God for the specific truths relating to your salvation which you find here. Begin exploring the questions you have listed.

Tuesday. The new birth is the only passport "to see the King"—to know and see God. Review the factual statements of this as well as the reasons, using the outline to guide you. Personalize this truth for people you know who do not yet know Christ. As part of this, renew your dedication to live for Christ and speak of Him with them.

Wednesday. Many people do not have a clear concept of what it means to be a Christian. Under the "What Is This Passport?" heading on the outline we noted four aspects of the new birth. The new birth "is something totally new," that is, it is not a self-improvement project. It also opens the door to eternal life—God's life in us, life with God today and forever. As you thank God for these truths, make sure they are in your witness to others.

Thursday. The new birth is "God's work and gift." It is not the result of the good or religious things people do. Nor is it something the church does to or for people. Listen for these misconceptions in people who do not know Christ. When a person experiences the new birth, there will be evidence in everyday life (see verses 19-21). Evaluate the evidence of the new birth in your life.

Friday – Saturday. Sunday is Mother's Day. We plan to think about *Hero of Faith Mothers*. Read and reflect on Exodus 2:1-10 in preparation for our time together.