## John 3

King James Version (KJV)

- **3** There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: (He was a member of the Sanhedrin, a biblical scholar) (Nicodemus = conqueror of the people) (Pharisees were the ruling class of the Jewish religious community)
- <sup>2</sup>The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.
- <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be <u>born again</u>, he cannot see the kingdom of God. (born again = born from above This is a bad translation) (Fake preachers use this to create a new cult of "born agains")
- (Born from above includes all people in the flesh. The fallen angels were not born from above into the flesh. They refused God's command. They came to earth in their angelic bodies and seduced the daughters of Adam to bring forth giants, just as Satan seduced Eve to bring forth Cain. God sentenced them to death for it. They will die when Messiah returns at the end of this Age. Satan will die after the Millennium, after God uses him to test people for the second resurrection) see Genesis-6, Jude-1, and Revelation-11
- \*Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? (He didn't get it, and yet he was a teacher in the synagogue. Jesus was telling him that the fallen angels have no chance for salvation. Everyone else does)
- <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. (The bag of water in the womb; in the Spirit to accept Jesus as God with us and to repent for your sins)
- <sup>6</sup>That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. (When we accept Jesus and become Christians, we are reborn spiritually and become a child of God)
- <sup>7</sup>Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born <u>again</u>. (again = from above) Genesis-6:1-2, Jude-1:4-8 (The so-called born agains have completely misunderstood these verses)

- <sup>8</sup>The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit. (We can't see the wind but we can feel it and know it is there. Same with the Spirit of God; we can feel His presence. Faith tells us He is with us)
- <sup>9</sup> Nicodemus answered and said unto him, How can these things be? (A teacher, and he didn't understand the basics of Christianity. Jesus was sorely needed)
- <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things? (You're a teacher and you don't know this? Obviously, they were not teaching people the truth. They were fully entrenched in traditions of men)
- <sup>11</sup> Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness. (The Jewish religion refused to accept Jesus as Messiah)
- <sup>12</sup> If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things?
- <sup>13</sup> And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven. (Jesus called Himself the Son of man, because He was God, in the flesh. HE was not the "son" of God, He was God. If you've seen me, you've seen the Father) John-1:1, John-14:9

(We all were in the First Age, in our spiritual bodies with God. "Let us make man in our image". God made Jesus in His image; we made our flesh bodies in our image. That began the Second Age. At death, instantly, our spiritual body returns to the Father who gave it) Genesis-1:26-28, Ecclesiastes-12:7

(That is the "meaning of life" that so-called philosophers try to understand. It's right there in front of us, but most of us have our eyes closed. Jesus said – Behold, I have told you all things) Mark-13:23

<sup>14</sup> And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: Numbers-21:9 (Prophecy for the crucifixion of Jesus, to open salvation to all people who will believe in Him)

- <sup>15</sup>That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.
- <sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten <u>Son</u>, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have <u>everlasting</u> life. (Everlasting=from the beginning of creation, to the end of eternity- past, present, future)

(His begotten flesh person; Son was added to the translation. Jesus is one of God's offices – the Father, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, Melchizedek, the Angel of God – One God, many offices)

- <sup>17</sup> For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. (Even the apostles had trouble understanding that Jesus WAS God, and not His "son". Jesus' ministry was to open salvation to all people. The choice is ours to make)
- <sup>18</sup> He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. (We all sin. Not one of us would make it just by the 10 Commandments alone. It is only through repentance and God's forgiveness that we even have a chance of making it)
- <sup>19</sup> And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. (Human nature is to crave wealth and power. Without God's guidance and forgiveness, we all fall short)
- <sup>20</sup> For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. (Those that commit evil deeds fear the light of truth. It would expose them and convict them of their crimes)
- <sup>21</sup> But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God. (But those that do good deeds and follow God do not fear the light. They will be rewarded for their good deeds. They become a blessing to themselves and to other people)
- <sup>22</sup> After these things came Jesus and his disciples into the land of Judaea; and there he tarried with them, and baptized. (His disciples did the baptizing)

- <sup>23</sup> And <u>John</u> also was baptizing in Aenon near to Salim, because there was much water there: and they came, and were baptized. (This is John the Baptist)
- <sup>24</sup> For John was not yet cast into prison.
- <sup>25</sup> Then there arose a question between some of John's disciples and the Jews about purifying. (These Jews were Pharisees and Sadducees <mostly Kenites, probably>; the religious community from the synagogue)
- <sup>26</sup> And they came unto John, and said unto him, Rabbi, he that was with thee beyond Jordan, to whom thou barest witness, behold, the same baptizeth, and all men come to him. (Jesus is drawing people to Himself and away from you; Kenites, stirring trouble. They want to cause division between John and Jesus. They don't realize that John was sent to serve Jesus. There is no rivalry or competition between them)
- <sup>27</sup> John answered and said, A man can receive nothing, except it be given him from heaven. (God is in charge, not man)
- <sup>28</sup> Ye yourselves bear me witness, that I said, I am not the Christ, but that I am sent before him. (He made no secret as to why he was sent. They knew who he was and what he was doing)
- <sup>29</sup> He that hath the bride is the bridegroom: but the friend of the bridegroom, which standeth and heareth him, rejoiceth greatly because of the bridegroom's voice: this my joy therefore is fulfilled.
- <sup>30</sup> He must increase, but I must decrease. (They can't start trouble between Jesus and John. John is God's servant. He gives God the glory, not himself)
- <sup>31</sup> He that cometh from above is above all: he that is of the earth is earthly, and speaketh of the earth: he that cometh from heaven is above all.
- <sup>32</sup> And what he hath seen and heard, that he testifieth; and no man receiveth his testimony. (Although many didn't receive Jesus' message, His miracles caught their attention)

- <sup>33</sup> He that hath received his testimony hath set to his <u>seal</u> that God is true. (Seal- in your mind; if you know the truth in God's Word, you cannot be deceived by doctrines of men)
- <sup>34</sup> For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him. (The full measure of God's Holy Spirit was not with John the Baptist; it was with Messiah, because Messiah is God)
- <sup>35</sup> The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand. (Because the Son is God, in the flesh) John-1:1
- <sup>36</sup> He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him. (The choice is ours to make. God opened salvation to all, but we must choose it. We make our own destiny)