

Lesson 7: John 3:1-2 and 18-21

1. Chapter 3 Theme: God's _____ of _____

2. The Most Important Meeting in the History of Mankind:

a. The person of Nicodemus (**verse 1**):

1) A member of the _____:

- a) The _____ party during the time of Jesus.
- b) They were strict _____.
- c) They believed in the _____ scriptures.
- d) They had turned the _____ into their religion.
- e) They seldom practiced what they _____.
- f) They were often rebuked by Jesus for being very _____.

2) A member of the _____:

- a) It was the supreme _____ and _____ council of the Jews.
- b) It is believed to have consisted of _____ members with the _____ serving as its president.
- c) It usually met in the _____, but at times convened in the home of the _____.

b. The opening words of Nicodemus (**verse 2**):

1) "Rabbi, we know":

- a) We believe that you are a great _____.
- b) We believe that you are a great _____ worker.
- c) We are even willing to concede that God has _____ you and is _____ you.

2) Why does "Rabbi" fall short of the mark?

3) Why did Nicodemus come at night?

3. Part 1: Mankind's Problem (verses 18-21):

- a. Condemnation is God's _____ against _____.
- 1) Mankind's problem is _____:
 - a) We are born "_____ " (Eph 2:1). Why?
 - b) We inherit it from _____ (Romans 5:12).
 - c) The one exception is _____ (2 Sam 12:22-23 and Matt 18:3).
 - 2) Sin is a _____ problem (Rom 3:23).
 - 3) Sin is also the great _____ (Rom 6:23).
- b. The result of Adam's transgression:
- 1) Physical death:
 - a) Read Gen 3:19 and 1 Cor 15:22.
 - b) James 2:26 defines physical death as _____ and not as _____.
 - c) None of us can _____ it (Heb 9:27 and 1 Cor 15:50-53).
 - 2) Spiritual death:
 - a) Spiritual death is man's _____ from God because of _____ (Gen 3:22-24).
 - b) The three stages of spiritual death:
 - 1- Stage 1: Isaiah 59:2.
 - 2- Stage 2: Luke 16:22-26.
 - 3- Stage 3: Rev 20:11-14.

4. Homework: Review chapter 3 and identify the verses that provide the solution to mankind's problem.