

# Ye Must Be Born Again

**Text:** John 3: 1-16 (vs 7)

## **Three-fold Implication of Our Lord's Declaration:**

### **1. Something Wrong with My First Birth!**

A. It was "Dead on Arrival" (Ephesians 2: 1)

*And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;*

B. It was Flawed by the Sin Nature (Romans 5: 12)

*Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:*

*(Psalms 51: 5) Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.*

C. It Was Not Equipped for Eternity (1 Cor. 15: 50)

*Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.*

### **2. Something must Be Done to Correct My Situation**

A. Remedy Beyond the Capacity of Man (vs. 13)

*And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven.*

B. Satisfactory Answer to the Sin Question. (Which Leads to the Third Consideration...)

### **3. Solution must Be Acceptable to a Holy God:**

A. Payment-in-full of the Sin Debt (vs. 14)

*And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up:*

B. Solution Must Perfectly Befit a God of Love  
(The Supremely Precious Sacrifice - Romans 5: 7-8)

*For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*

C. Offer Must Extend to the Appropriate Recipients (*Whosoever Will...*)

1. Would Such a Treasure Be Poured upon an Unrepentant Heart? (**Never!**)

2. Would divine Mercy Reject the Cry of a Broken, Contrite Heart? (**Never!**)

***If you are in such a condition tonight, there is a remedy for your sins, a balm in Gilead for your soul, and peace for your heart. Come unto Him!***