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Reading John ch 3 v 1-8

Acts ch 4 v 8-12

Acts ch 16 v 30-31

We don't bring before you the words of men but the most important thing we do is to bring the words of God.

1 - Ye must be born again - REBIRTH

2 - Ye must be saved - RESCUE

3 - What must I do to be saved - RESPONSE

## REBIRTH

Two things have to happen to get to heaven. Deep down everyone wants to be in heaven the alternative is to hideous to imagine. Hell is not a party it is a place of torment. A place of weeping, wailing and gnashing of teeth. We read of a man in the bible who warns his brothers not to come to hell (ref). We all want to be in the presence of God.

Ye must be born again - There needs to be a new birth. We cannot be in heaven as we are - we are sinners.

"All have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (ref). None of us meet the standard God expects. That is the way we are born sin was passed on through the generations from Adam. God is righteous and holy and can't have sin in his presence - we need to be born again.

If you have not been born again your not a Christian and won't be in heaven.

It is not turning over a new leaf - the past needs to be dealt with. The problem is not your surroundings or other people. Sin lies within.

Nicodemus was a good man, he was morally upright but the Lord Jesus said directly "except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God" (ref).

Nicodemus had an issue with this in a natural physical sence. The Lord was talking about a spiritual birth a different kind of birth into the family of God. Instead of being apart of the family of Adam you could be born into Gods family and receive divine and eternal life.

If we are born again we will no longer be dead in sin and trespasses we can be quickened through Christ and be made alive.

If we become a Christian by putting trust in the Lord Jesus Christ you will receive the holy spirit to give strength.

We are drifting downstream into a lost eternity but deep divine life leads upstream to God.

Rebirth involve a totally new creation - no patch up jobs - A complete change from inside out.

## RESCUE

We are helpless and can't rectify our condition.

God provided a way of escape

The Christian message - God saw us in that helpless state and didn't leave us there he provided a way of escape through the Lord Jesus Christ.

"Neither is there salvation in any other" (ref)

The Lord said "I am the way the truth and the life" (ref)

There is no other way. We can't understand the enormity of what the Lord Jesus Christ has done for us. The Lord was absolutely perfect and sinless and died for not his own sins but for ours. It took the son of God to come from heaven to earth.

God didn't step in and take his son out of the world when there was no room for him in the inn or when he lived in Nazareth known as a terrible place "can any good thing come out of Nazareth" (ref).

The Lord Jesus Christ matched the highest standards "He did no sin" (ref) neither was guile in him not even a sinful thought.

The only one who could go to Calvary and die in shame and humiliation. What man did to the Lord was horrific but that is not what will save you . The hours of darkness when God made the Lord Jesus Christ to be sin so he could bear all our sins and die in our place. He was the sin bearer - so He could bring us to God. He is our hope only through him can we be saved.

God raised him from the dead - there is a live man seated in heaven. He ever lives to make intercession  
He is alive for evermore  
He gives salvation  
The only one who can save  
He is the only one who has done what is necessary

## RESPONSE

Don't want this message - want to do it alone - it is impossible

Well maybe someday I will go for it - We can't promise you tomorrow or even tonight - "Behold now is the accepted time etc" (ref)

"What must I do to be saved?" (ref)

The answer is simplicity itself - "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ" (ref)

All that salvation requires is that we hand over our life to God and trust and put faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

You have to realise you need salvation and it is very difficult to hand over the reigns to someone else.

A sinner is a servant to sin.

What is your response going to be.