

The Work Of God

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Christ's Work Is To Do The Work Of God

A. God Will Work (2:1-11)

1. When the time arrives (2:1)

2. When invited (2:2)

Psalm 24:9

3. When rightly needed (2:3-5)

Philippians 4:19

a. We see an opportunity but ... (vv 3-4)

James 4:3

b. We serve in obedience (v 5)

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A. God Will Work (2:1-11) - continued

4. With what you have (2:6-8)

a. God creates the solution (vv 6-7)

b. God commands we use His solution (v 8)

5. With results better than what you can do (2:9-10)

6. For His glory (2:11)

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B. God At Work (2:12-25)

1. Confirms the Word (2:12-13)

Deuteronomy 16:16

Matthew 5:17

2. Consecrates worship (2:14-17)

a. By cleaning house physically (vv 14-15)

Exodus 12:15

b. By cleaning house spiritually (vv 16-17)

Matthew 16:6

Psalms 119:9

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B. God At Work (2:12-25) - continued

3. Conveys the way (2:18-22)

a. Not about your temple made with your hands

Matthew 24:1-2

b. About the temple made by my hands

Mark 14:58

4. Confronts the wondering (2:23-25)

a. Intellectually (v 23)

John 6:28-30

b. Spiritually (vv 24-25)

James 4:8

John 8:31-32

Ye Must Be Born Again
John 3:1-21

**The unique mission of Christ is to offer salvation
to all who trust in Him**

I. An Unlikely Visitor (3:1-2)

John 3:1-2

1 There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews:

2 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.

A. His position (3:1)

B. His timing (3:2a)

John 6:37

All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

II. A Unique Statement (3:2)

John 3:2

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Not the party line

II. A Unique Statement (3:2)

Luke 20:1-2

1 And it came to pass, that on one of those days, as he taught the people in the temple, and preached the gospel, the chief priests and the scribes came upon him with the elders,

2 And spake unto him, saying, Tell us, by what authority doest thou these things? or who is he that gave thee this authority?

Matthew 12:24

But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, This fellow doth not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub the prince of the devils.

III. An Unexpected Response (3:3)

John 3:3

Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

A. The reason for Christ's ministry

2 Peter 3:9

The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

III. An Unexpected Response (3:3)

B. The response that Nicodemus needed to hear

Matthew 5:20

For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.

You need more than what you are doing to get to heaven

IV. The Unknown Requirements (3:4-10)

A. Intellectually (3:4-5)

John 3:4-5

4 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?

5 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.

Man's thinking will not suffice

1 Corinthians 2:14

But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

IV. The Unknown Requirements (3:4-10)

B. Spiritually (3:6-8)

John 3:5-8

6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

8 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.

Man's living will not suffice

1 Corinthians 15:50

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

IV. The Unknown Requirements (3:4-10)

C. Brings a crisis of faith (3:9-10)

John 3:9-10

9 Nicodemus answered and said unto him, How can these things be?

10 Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things?

Psalm 139:6

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it.

V. The Unobserved Message (3:11-15)

A. Not heard (3:11-12)

John 3:11-12

11 Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness.

12 If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things?

B. Not seen (3:13)

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

Number 21:5-9

5 And the people spake against God, and against Moses, Wherefore have ye brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? for there is no bread, neither is there any water; and our soul loatheth this light bread.

6 And the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and much people of Israel died.

7 Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD, and against thee; pray unto the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us. And Moses prayed for the people.

Number 21:5-9 - continued

8 And the LORD said unto Moses, Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole: and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live.

9 And Moses made a serpent of brass, and put it upon a pole, and it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass, he lived.

V. The Unobserved Message (3:11-15)

C. Not realized (v 14-15)

John 3:14-15

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

**15 That whosoever believeth in him should not perish,
but have eternal life.**

VI. The Universal Invitation (3:16-21)

A. Based on God's love (3:16)

John 3:16

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

B. Based on God's mercy (3:17)

John 3:17

For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

VI. The Universal Invitation (3:16-21)

C. Based on choice (3:18)

John 3:18

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.

VI. The Universal Invitation (3:16-21)

D. The consequences of your choice (3:19-21)

1. Refusal bring condemnation (vv 19-20)

John 3:19-20

19 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

20 For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reprov'd.

2. Reception brings consecration (v 21)

John 3:21

But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.

Are You Born Again?