**Truths that last! – John 3:3**

**Focal Truth: Unless you are born again you cannot enter the kingdom of God**

How do you describe becoming a child of God?

Did you know that you must be born again to become a child of God & live forever?

Have you experienced being born of the Spirit of God?

**John 3: 1 – 21 – Jesus Christ explains to a religious leader** **the truth that to enter the kingdom of God you must be born again – 3 Truly, Truly statements: 3,5, & 11**

**Observations:**

1. **What does it mean to be born again? - 3:3 - 11**
2. Those born again have spiritual senses – 3:3 – **“Truly -** cannot see the kingdom”

See = is experiencing & understanding spiritual things

1. Those born again are born of God – 3:5 – “**Truly,** unless one is born of water & the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God”

Born of water& Spirit = Holy Spirit cleansing & creating a new person of the old sinner

John 1:13 – who were born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor the will of man, but of God

1. Those born again enter the Kingdom of God – 3:5 – “cannot enter the kingdom of God”

Kingdom of God is the condition of being saved, ruled by the Lord Jesus Christ & having eternal life

1. Those born again live spiritually – 3:6 – “that which born of Spirit is spirit”

Born of the Spirit is spirit = the Spirit of God recreating you as a spiritual person – a new creature in Christ

1. Those born again reveal the unexplainable but real work of God – 3:8 – “you do not know where it comes from or where it is going, so everyone who is born of the Spirit”
2. Those born again demonstrate the truth of Jesus Christ words - 3:11 – “**Truly, Truly,** we know and testify of what we have seen, and you do not accept our testimony”
3. **How is one born again? - 3:12 - 17**
4. Those who trust in the Lord Jesus Christ are born again – 3:12 – “if I told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things?”
5. Jesus Christ the Son of God declares the truth of the being born again – 3:13 – “no one has ascended into heaven, but He who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.”
6. Jesus Christ death on the cross provides the way to be born again - 3:14 – “As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up”
7. Those born again receive eternal life – 3:15 – “so that whoever believes will in Him have eternal life”
8. 3:16 – God so loved the world…whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. 3:17 – God sent His Son into the world that the world might be saved through Him
9. **Why doesn’t everyone want to be born again? - 3:18 -20**
10. They do not believe in the Jesus Christ the Son of God- 3:18 – “he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God”
11. They love hiding in sinful darkness rather than coming to the Light Jesus Christ - 3:19 - this is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil
12. They hate the Light Jesus Christ because of their sinfulness – 3:20 – everyone who does evil hates the Light
13. They fear coming to the Light Jesus Christ because they don’t want their sin exposed 3:20 – and does not come to the Light for fear that his deeds will be exposed

**Things to Remember**

1. **You must be born again – this is the truth that lasts!**
2. **Those who are born again do not practice sin they overcome it – 1 John 3:9**
3. **Those who are born again believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God 1 John 5:1,5**
4. **Those who are born again overcome the world by faith in God – 1 John 5:4**
5. **Those who are born again are protected by God from the evil one – 1 John 5:18**
6. **Those who are born again hopefully live by the resurrection of Jesus Christ 1Pet.1:3**

**Daily Use**

1. **Put your faith in Jesus Christ – you must be born again!**
2. **Come to Jesus Christ the Light – confess your sinfulness to Him**
3. **Rejoice believer in your second birth!**

**Truly, Truly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God**

The old hymn says, ye must be born again, ye must be born again, I verily, verily say unto to thee, Ye must be born again!