

JOHN 2:23-3:18 (NASB)

INSIGHT: The power of the Christian life is in the basics.

I. WHY YOU MUST BE BORN AGAIN AND WHAT IT MEANS, John 2:23-3:13

INSIGHT: Jesus said each of us needs a new birth, which implies that something is wrong with our first birth.

TRUTH: When Adam sinned, his spiritual heart went bad, and he passed that to us, his children (Jeremiah 17:9).

Louie Giglio says, "It is impossible to overestimate the corruption sin caused in our hearts. Sin didn't knock us down to God's JV team, nor put us on probation nor put us on a slower track to get our mansion in heaven. SIN wiped us out!"

TRUTH: We can't possibly fix ourselves (John 3:5).

INSIGHT: God doesn't want you to just change your behavior; He wants to change your desires.

INSIGHT: God doesn't want people in heaven who wish they were somewhere else, who use God for a get-out-of-hell card...God wants people who love Him.

TRUTH: The greatest problem isn't that people don't behave right, but that they don't love right.

II. HOW YOU CAN BE BORN AGAIN, John 3:14-15

TRUTH: The full weight of saving my soul is put on Christ's death at Calvary...I'm saved only and when I trust in Christ's death and that alone!

III. ARE YOU BORN AGAIN?