

He saved me as a boy and prevention is better than cure—I believe a fence at the top of a hill is better than a hospital at the bottom to care for those who fall off.. You can be saved when you are old—but may God save the children..

V. THE IMPOSSIBLE

V. 8, 12

Just as this man said I don't want to intrude but how is it—how does it work? Explain it I can not see it. No and you never will...

I cannot understand it—no and you never will....

... Don't expect—if I could only see, or understand the process I would believe....you never will...

Tell me about this new birth, tell me how it works

Explain electricity to me—we sit in darkness, if I waited until I understood, or could see through I would sit in darkness from now on....

Tell me a thunder or lightning—Wind

Tell me how he got hold of my life as a boy in the country and saved me—tell me how—I do not know how but I know he did it and that is enough to go on.....

Never mind the how—be concerned with the MUST—

VI. A QUESTION FOR YOU

V. 7

Can you close your eyes and say "I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day"—

Can you say that you have been born again? What did you say I am a member of the Church? That is no substitute for the new birth..... Did you say I have an office in the church? You mean you are an officer and you do not know these things?..... Dare you walk in God's house with unclean hands...and a filthy heart?

You say I am a S.S. teacher...and you don't know about the new birth... you have been the blind leading the blind.

A CHURCH MEMBER* YET LOST John 3:1-13

Intro: Many feel because their name is on the roll of some church every thing has been taken care of....false security. I talked to a real estate man last week in Norfolk, a Baptist, moved to Norfolk during the first world war 1914, still has never moved his membership to the city where he lives his membership is still over on Eastern shore.....

People sign up and pass a class and then are placed on the roll of the church..... Never do anything after that.

There is one thing we must do if we are to be saved! Must be done in us by the Holy spirit.... Except a man be Born again....

Ye must be born anew— Born from above it means a new creature..... the heart is made right...

I. OUT OF DATE SOME BELIEVE

Some believe that the Lord will make them good somehow.

Just before they get ready to die—he can do it when he is dying....

God can make every man and woman good through the New Birth... some say they don't believe it— if he could take Adam and make him out of nothing he can take what is left of you and make something....

Put the emphasis on the words "MUST" & "AGAIN"— to some this is old fashioned—get angry, feeling that we have outgrown it is

This man was probably better than you—had a better standing in the church than some of you—higher in society than some of us.....

But Jesus could not spare him. He loved him too much to compromise.. he did not lower the standard

I know this is an old old story but it is fresh as the dew drops tomorrow morning, it is a spring that will never run dry, it is the only power that can snap the chains to open eyes, lift men from sin and ruin

People who feel that it is (old fashioned) do not realize that this will be used in heaven when praises are offered to the spottless Lamb of God.. Dont think that you have gotten beyond the doctrine of the New Birth, and dont dare to say that we (do not need it)--- when some of you think of the company you kept last week, when you think of that sin you committed the other day, when you think of the shame of the thing you did in your office or home, God looks on the heart.....

II. WHO'S WORDS ARE THESE ? V. 3

This is not my word, this is the word of (Jesus) not the word of some preacher....

This (doctrine does not belong) to the Me. ch., Episcop the Sal. Army---Those who are loyal to Christ all preach it, but they did not invent it.

(John Wesley) preached on this text but he did not invent the text....

(Geo. Whitefield) preached on this text 300 times-but he did not invent it.

It is of no human invention-Jesus Christ said it..Do not forget that---Lets respect them and ask the H.S. to make it plain to us.

III. WHO WERE THESE WORDS SPOKEN TO ? V. 10

To whom did Jesus say these words????

A Drunk? A Harlot? Murderer?

(LISTEN) A CHURCH MEMBER !! so you see it is possible to be a church member without being born again....

(Henry Drummond) in writing of one of the Moody revivals the enquiry room, reveals the awful fact that a vast majority

of church members know nothing of the new birth, they are as ignorant of the free grace of God as the hottentot in africa.

It is possible to have you (name on the register) of a church and not have it on the Lambs book of life..

You may take the (cup of communion) and never take the cup of Salvation...

Jesus uttered these (words to a member of the church) of his day, a master in h9s church, he was an officer in his church, but he had not been born again..... he was not a child he was an old man!

Think of that (it startled him)..it made him think... it should cause us to think tonight...Money (John 19:39) (Right in many Doctrines),immortality,resurrection, punishment, Externalized Rel.-Member of Rel. Party.. Sal. by works.

IV. THE QUESTION THIS MAN ASK V. 4

What (can a man be born when he is old?)? Is it possible to be saved when a man is old,, how often do we see the grey headed joining our church? For every grey head there are 50 coming in who are under 25 yrs.

Majority of the people coming to Jesus are (under 25) If u go over 25 they will be less, if you go over 35 you will have still less if you go over 40 still less, 50 or 60 still less.... what does it mean---you say no to Christ till you lose you desire to say yes

Can a man be born when he is old---Try to (learn the piano) when you are past 60 and see if your joints are not to stiff to play---It is hard for a man by 60 to study to show himself approved unto God...

Growing old you can (crowd out of your life the things of God) the thing of holiness, the things of heaven.. Dont think that you can shut and crowd them out all of your life and then crowd them in the last five minutes. of your existence....Eternal matters demand longer attention.

Can a man be born when he is old?---yes he may, God says he can-but it will be (a miracle) I rejoice when a grey head comes to Christ, I think I rejoice more when a boy comes to Christ

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VII. MARKS OF

Lord help us to be (honest)....

- "He that is born of God loveth the Brethern"
- "He that is born of God ablieth in him"
- "He that is born of God overcometh the world"
- "He that is born of God keepeth himself in the Love of GOD"
- "He that is born of God hath the witness in himself"

Now you may belong to a church---you can make a dead body move if you put enough batteries under it, it will be only the movement of a galvanized corpse.

(Are you sure of it?)// Can you look him in the face and by Faith say I have been born again?

New born babe, mother feeds, cares for, few months taught to speak, etc....

(Holy spirit comes down and changes our hearts) and we grow in grace....

It must be... Failure, doubt, unbelief are satans way

Come to Jesus this hour and say, (Lord whatever your message is for me help me to receive it)---

Dont think yu can live the new life with the old heart..!'

A new life means a new heart.