

WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE ABOUT GOD?

John 3:1-18

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1. 3:1 Nicodemus had been watching Jesus; he was attracted to Him because of the miracles, and he wanted to know more.
 2. 3:3 Jesus was not interested in Nicodemus' curiosity, but instead went straight to the real issue.
 3. 3:3 New birth is an action of God by which He gives life to those who are "dead in their sins."
 4. 3:4 Our challenge is to abandon every notion we've ever had that we can fix our brokenness ourselves.
 5. 3:7 What Jesus told Nicodemus was contrary to everything he had thought. His entire life he had believed that salvation was earned through good works.
 6. 3:9 It is extremely difficult to surrender our pre-conceived ideas about God.
 7. 3:9 God says hard things; the temptation is to soften them.
 8. 3:10 Jesus expected Nicodemus to understand because of the revealed knowledge found in the Old Testament, which gives all the light needed.
 9. 3:11-12 Nicodemus' problem was not a lack of revelation; in that brief dialogue he gained more knowledge than any of the Old Testament prophets ever had.
 10. 3:11-12 When Jesus told Nicodemus what he personally needed, Nicodemus' intellectual side gave way to pride; he did not want to admit that he was a sinner in need of a Savior.

