

[BELIEVER'S BIBLE STUDY]

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

Chapter 3

INTRODUCTION...

Chapter Three is probably one of the most well known chapters of the bible as it contains the well known verse of the bible, *“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”*, John 3:16. This is such an important chapter because it speaks of what a man or woman must do to be assured of eternal life.

Additionally, chapter three speaks about the ‘winding down’ of John the Baptist’s ministry and the gearing up of Jesus’ ministry beginning with His baptism.

Be aware that in the remaining studies you may be asked to do additional research beyond that which is in the bible. For instance, in this study, you will be required to look up verses in other books of the bible. One of the most important elements of studying the bible, is to let the bible interpret itself. It has been well said that the best bible commentary...is the bible itself.

Be sure that you read the questions carefully to make sure that you have answered the complete question. You will notice that some of the questions have more than one part to them.

Remember that you will be using the Inductive Bible Study (IBS) method of study. Which means that in each study you will be required to make observations, interpretations and application of what you have observed and interpreted. (see further explanation in Study #1)

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE...

John 3:3

3 Jesus answered and said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

NKJV

THIS WEEKS BIBLE STUDY...CHAPTER THREE...

Be sure and pray before you begin your bible study, asking the Lord to reveal those things that He wants you to know from the text you are reading.

Read through the chapter, at least twice, and then answer the following questions. Be sure to write the Scripture reference to support your answer.

Who were the Pharisees? (you will need to get this information by looking up the following verses and writing what you find out in the space provided)

Mark 7:3 _____

Acts 26:5 _____

Mark 2:24, 10:2 _____

Matthew 23:5-7, 23:23 _____

What does Chapter 3 say about Nicodemus?

What did the Pharisees know about Jesus?

What must happen for a person to see the *'kingdom of God'*?

What do you think Jesus meant by the *'kingdom of God'*?

What ‘spiritual truth’ do you think Jesus is talking about in vs 6?

What do you think Jesus was talking about in vs 11?

What does vs 13 tell us about Jesus?

What do you think was going on in Nicodemus’ mind when he said what he said in vs 4?

What do you think Jesus meant by the term ‘*born of water*’ in vs 5?

What do you think that Jesus was talking about in vs 14? (Hint: Numbers 21:4-9)

How do we know God loved the world?

Why is it that a person is condemned?

Why does man love darkness?

Why do people hate Jesus?

Where was John baptizing?

What was the dispute between John's disciples and the Jews about?

What do you think was going on with John's disciples in vs 26?

What do you think John is saying in vs 29?

A...What personal application can we draw from vs 30?

What is meant by '*His testimony*' in vs 33?

What is the significance of vs 34 & 35?

Write down some of the things that the Lord spoke to your heart while studying Chapter 3?

QUESTIONS?...

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