# YE MUST BE BORN AGAIN

## JOHN 3:3-8

1. **THE LORD ADDRESSED NICODEMUS' QUESTIONS BY FIRST EXPLAINING WHAT HE MEANT BY "AGAIN" (3:5)**
   1. Note The Difference In What Follows the Word "Born" In The Third And Fifth Verses
   2. Note The Necessary Elements Of This Second Birth As Being "Water" And "Spirit" (The Latter Of Which Is Expanded Upon)  
      1. Though Nicodemus Was A "Master Of Israel" He Missed The O.T. Connection Between Water's Symbolic Cleansing Properties And The Spirit Of God Enabling Men To Walk In The Lord's Statutes (Ezekiel 36:25-27)
      2. Though Nicodemus Was A "Master Of Israel" He Could Not Have Understood The Telescopic Effects Of The New Covenant
   3. Note How The N.T. Provides A Clarifying Theology On The Metaphorical Use Of "Water"  
      1. The O.T. Requirement That A Man Be "Clean" Is Accomplished In The N.T. Through The "Word" (John 15:3; Ephesians 5:26)
      2. The Lord's Half Brother, James And The Apostle Peter Make The Connection Between The Giving Of Birth And The Word (James 1:18; I Peter 1:23)
2. **THE LORD ADDRESSED NICODEMUS' QUESTIONS BY FURTHER EXPLANATION AS TO WHY THIS WAS NECESSARY (3:6-8)**
   1. Everything Produces After Its Own Kind (3:6)
   2. This Is Not A Comic Proposition That Warrants Incredulity (3:7-8)  
      1. The Lord Used Wind As Common Element Of Nature
      2. Wind Is "The" Metaphor To Describe The Holy Spirit