

Chapter XVII – Nicodemus

- A. What did Jesus mean when He said that we need to be born again? Have you experienced this birth? How do you know?
- B. Read [John 3:8](#). When Jesus compared the work of the Holy Spirit to the wind, what did He mean? Is conversion a point in time, a process, or both?
- C. Discuss how pride became a stumbling block for Nicodemus. How does pride sometimes show itself in the believers' actions in the church?
- D. After talking with Jesus, Nicodemus remained inactive for three years, but then became a committed leader of the early church. Has your experience with God been similar to his? Describe.

— Additional Thoughts —

- 1. “Nicodemus shared these feelings.” What feelings? (Page 167)
- 2. Why did Nicodemus come at night? What was the reason he would give and what was the real reason? (Pages 168)
- 3. Why was he startled that the kingdom was too pure for him to see? (Page 171)
- 4. “The Christians’ life is not a modification or improvement of the old, but a transformation of nature.” What does this mean? (Page 172)
- 5. Could Nicodemus been offended, why was he not? (Page 173)
- 6. What does the following sentence mean? ***“He saw that the most rigid obedience to the mere letter of the law as applied to the outward life could entitle no man to enter the kingdom of heaven.”*** (Page 174)
- 7. What did Jesus mean, “If I be lifted up?” (Page 176)
- 8. What does it teach us when we consider that it took Nicodemus three years to take his stand for Jesus? (Page 176)
- 9. Personal views:
 - A. List a favorite section from the reading and/or list some new thought from this reading.