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Introduction

Testimonies of Conversion:

Central Truth: In a relationship with CHRIST salvation can be experienced in an instant. A new spiritual birth is a result of that relationship. John 3:1-6

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“There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews.² This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, “Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him.”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.”

⁴ Nicodemus said to Him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?”⁵ Jesus answered, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.”-John 3:1-6

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Lesson Objective: To teach about the aspects related with salvation, and how salvation can be experienced from the proclamation of the Gospel.



The Gospel is a proclamation that declares what God has already done for us by sending His Son Jesus Christ. John 3:16

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*"For God so loved the world
that He gave His only
begotten Son, that
whosoever believeth in him
should not perish, but have
everlasting life."*

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- Who sent him?
God the Father.
- To Whom?
To the world.
- What for?
That whosoever believes in Him should not perish.
- Why?
Because Christ is eternal life.

“¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in Him should not perish but ^[b] have eternal life.”
John 3:14,15

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In this our faith is sustained. Do you want to rise from spiritual death? Look to Christ. Do you want to be freed from the chains of sin? Look to Christ. Do you want to overcome temptations the world offers that lead to destruction? Look to Christ. Want to experience a new life? Look to Christ. Everything else on this side of the sun pales in comparison to the majesty, justice, and truth of our beloved Savior. That's why Paul said:

"⁸ Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith."

Philippians

3:8-9

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What did Paul want to gain?

What did Paul *not* want to do before Christ?

Why does Paul emphasize faith in Christ?

State the difference that exists between the function of the law and the function of faith in Christ.

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What does it mean to “be born again?”

It's to Receive
a New Heart

- *“I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.” Ezequiel 36:26*

It's a
Spiritual
Birth

- *“¹² But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: ¹³ who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.” John 1:12-13*

It's a Complete
Life
Transformation

- *“¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.” 2 Corinthians 5:17*

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What does it mean to be born of the water and the Spirit?

- Both experiences are connected with believing and living in Christ. “³⁷ On the last day, that great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink.” *John 7:37*
- *Christ is the living water. Every time we read His Word we are drinking that water. Also, to be born of the water is associated with the act of baptism which is a public expression of our faith in Christ. (Death and resurrection)*

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- *On the other hand, Christ is who baptizes with the Holy Spirit. “⁷ Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.” John 16:7*

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Homework:

- ▶ Study the table titled "Personal Experience" and answer the following questions:
 1. What attracted the Queen of Sheba's attention to Solomon?
 2. Why did she decide to get to know Solomon?
 3. Mention something relevant about her admiration for King Solomon.
 4. What similar characteristics do we find between Solomon and Jesus Christ?

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PERSONAL EXPERIENCE (1Kings 10: 1-13)

“The meeting of the Queen of Sheba with Solomon can be considered as a type of encounter of a person with Jesus... which is much greater than Solomon...” - See Matthew 12:42

Stages in Personal Experience	Commentary	Biblical Reference
=1= LISTENING (1 Kings 10:1a)	1) Responsibility of the Church– MAKE THEM LISTEN.	Matt. 10: 7, Mr. 16: 15 y 20 Romans 10: 12- 15
	2) Responsibility of the person.	Romans 10:17, Rev. 1:3. Prov. 8:6, 34 & Ch. 1:33
=2= COMING (1 Kings 10:1b-2)	Man must make an effort to come to Christ.	Matt. 14:13, 21-22 & 29-31 Matt. 19:16, Mark10:50
	There is an invitation...	Matt. 11:28, Jn. 1:35-39, 43-46
	There are promises...	John 6:35 & 37
=3= OPENING YOUR HEART (1 Kings 10:2c)	Expose all questions, weaknesses, questions ... and then ...	Verse 3– man finds all his questions answered...
		Revelation 3:20, Prov. 23:26
=4= SEEING (1 Kings 10:4-5)	Personal vision of Christ, the Gospel, and the Church.	Job SAW- Ch. 42:5 Paul SAW- Acts 26:12-13,19
	The experience itself... WHAT YOU SEE, is unbreakable.	2Peter 1:16 1John 1:1-4
=5= RECOGNITION (1 Kings 10:6- 9)	Recognition is noticing things with a clear and full understanding.	Psalms 100:3
		John 4:40- 42 Ps. 65:4, 33:12, 144:15
=6= OFFERING (1 Kings 10:10)	That woman OFFERED everything she had, she She spared NOTHING...	Our God won't settle for less than EVERYTHING.
		1Chron. 21:23 (I AM EVERYTHING)
=7= RECEIVING (1 Kings 10:13)	But what we receive isn't comparable with what we have given... Correlate with 2Chron. 9:13.	The heart of our Heavenly Father is a universe full of surprises...
		1Corinthians 2:9 Mark 10:28-29