The New Birth

John 3:1—17

Jesus reveals that entry into God's kingdom requires a supernatural new birth, brought about by the Spirit and received through faith in the Son, who came to save, not condemn.

Sunday, May 24, 2026 – Pastor Patrick Ransom

SERMON OUTLINE

YOU MUST BE BORN AGAIN TO SEE THE KINGDOM

A. **The Seeker:** Nicodemus comes with curiosity, yet limited understanding (vv. 1–2)
B. **The Requirement:** Jesus declares the necessity of being born again to see God's kingdom (v. 3)
C. **The Clarification:** This birth is not physical but **spiritual**, brought about by the Spirit of God (vv. 4–8)

YOU MUST BELIEVE THE SON TO ENTER THE KINGDOM

A. **The Confusion:** Nicodemus **struggles** to grasp spiritual truth (v. 9)
B. **The Rebuke:** Jesus confronts his lack of understanding despite his position (vv. 10–12)
C. **The Authority:** The Son speaks with certainty because He has come from heaven (v. 13)

YOU MUST TRUST IN THE LIFTED SON TO RECEIVE LIFE

A. **The Picture:** The lifting up of the Son points to His saving work, as in the wilderness (v. 14)
B. **The Promise:** Whoever **believes** in Him receives eternal life (v. 15)
C. **The Purpose:** God's love is shown in sending His Son to save the world, not condemn it (vv. 16–17)

WILL YOU RESPOND TO THE NEW BIRTH?

What would it look like this week for you to move beyond familiarity with Jesus and respond in genuine faith, trusting Him fully for the new life only He can give?

SERMON NOTES

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH CAMERON

NEXT WEEK:

Dr. Tim Marrow