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#### What do we know?

Nicodemus must have been very wealthy, brought spices to anoint the Jesus dead be - John 19:39.

He was a member of the Jewish ruling council" In Israel, civil and religious leade were the same. - John 3:1 & 7:45.

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### **Honest Seeker**



# Honest seeker have questions Mel and Anne October 18, 2008



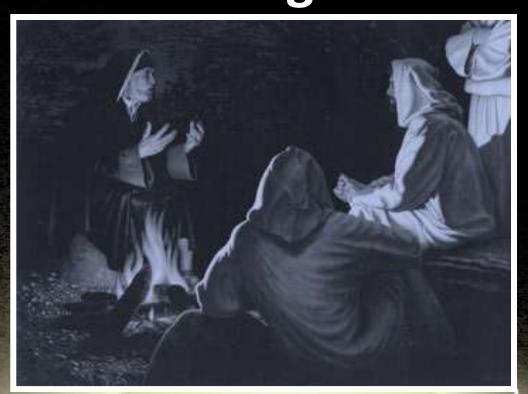


#### Honest seeker have questions

One thing I love about Community of Hope is that it is a place where people check out Christianity and seek answers to your spiritual questions completely without pressure.



John 3:3 In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again."



John 3:4 "How can a man be born when he is old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely he cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb to be born!"



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#### "Born again"

Nicodemus thought that the way to God was by being perfect in keeping the law.

Now Jesus comes in and says, "you must be born again"
What is Jesus saying?



#### What do we know about birth?

•Did you choose your biological parents?

Did you choose your day of conception?



#### "Different for different people"

Billy Graham says that he can point back to a definite time in his life when he experienced conversion. But his wife, Ruth, says that she grew gradually into the faith. Count Von Zinzendorf When asked him if he knew when he was saved, he replied, "I have always been saved!". The truth is we were saved nearly two thousand years ago, when Jesus took our place on the cross.



#### "Born again"

Our Salvation was accomplished nearly two thousand years ago in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the one true Son of God. The meaning that this past event has for us today, our response to that event, and our willingness to believe is crucial for us. It doesn't matter so much when we come to believe as it does that we believe.



"I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again."

See the king



- Nicodemus was sitting with the king the one who he did all his good works to please but he didn't see him.

  Seeing he did not see.
- •I see but don't see every time I think how well I live makes me acceptable to Jesus.
  - •I see but don't see when I don't allow Jesus to impact/change how I think and act. HER REE

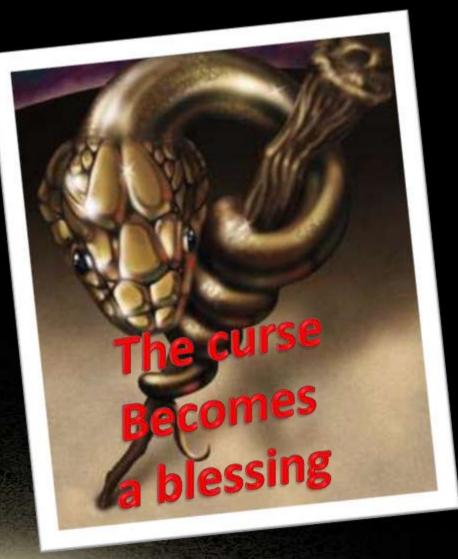
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See yourself with Kingdom eyes

- Child hood abuse
- drug Addiction
- porn addiction
- broken marriage



"John 3:14-15 Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life."



# What does this mean for you?

You now see everything that brought you shame and even all that you used to boast in as being absorbed on the cross.



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"John 3:19-21 This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what he has done has been done through

#### How Pretty she Look