

John 3:1-17

Nicodemus is called "a man of the _____", "a ruler of the _____", and "a teacher of _____".

Nicodemus, a Pharisee and a member of the _____, is seeking the truth.

Entrance into the kingdom of God will require a _____ birth: physical birth — "_____ " — and spiritual rebirth "_____ ". New life will be born from water and Spirit, no longer only from _____. Jesus goes on to use the image of the wind to explain the spiritual rebirth. The unpredictable nature of the wind's path shows the spontaneity of God in renewing our spiritual nature since both in Greek and in Hebrew the same word is used for _____ and _____. The wind and spirit blows where it will; human beings can _____ its presence but cannot plan its precise movements. Jesus' offer of new birth is like the _____ and _____: a mystery beyond human knowledge and control.

_____ is about relationship as children of God. A new community was established at the cross - a new fellowship of the _____. The love in the _____ _____ shapes the nature and design of the Church.

Faith. _____ is a gift shared corporately, not an _____ treasure to be hoarded.

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| A. water | E. Belief | I. Jews | M. Pharisees |
| B. Spirit | F. feel | J. double | N. Sanhedrin |
| C. individual | G. physical | K. spirit | O. Holy Spirit |
| D. wind | H. Church | L. Israel | P. Faith |