Your Nicodemus Experience?.!

John 3:1

- "Now there was a man of the Pharisees, a member of the Jewish ruling council."
- ? What was your status, place in life, when you came to Jesus?

John 3:2

"He came to Jesus at NIGHT and said, "Rabbi, we know you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one can perform the miraculous signs you are doing if God were not with him."

"... with Him."

A disciple in the dark?

John 3:3-5

"In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can SEE the kingdom of God unless he is <u>born again</u> (<u>from above</u>)."

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

"Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, no one can ENTER the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit."

SEEING?

ENTERING?

Acts 2:38 "Repent and be <u>baptized</u>, every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the <u>Holy Spirit</u>."

1 Corinthians 12:13 "For we were all <u>baptized</u> by <u>one Spirit</u> into one body – whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free – and we were all given the <u>one Spirit</u> to drink."

John 4:13-14 "Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I will give them will never thirst. Indeed the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

John 7:37-39 "If anyone is thirst, let them come to me and drink, as the scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within them. By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not been glorified."

Titus 3:3-7 "At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs of eternal life."

1 John 5: 6-8 "This is the one who came by water and blood – Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. For there are three that testify: the Spirit, the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement."

John 19:34 "Instead, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear bringing a sudden flow of blood and water."

Romans 6:3-4 "Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of God the Father, we too may live a new life."

1 Peter 3:21 "... and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also – not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a good conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ."

Born of the Spirit

John 3:6-7 "Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."

"Progressing" Nicodemus?

John 7:50-51 Nicodemus, who had gone to Jesus earlier and who was one of their own number, asked, "Does our law condemn anyone without first hearing him to find out what he is doing?"

Doubter to Disciple!

Matthew 27:57 "As evening approached, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who had himself become a disciple of Jesus.

Luke 23:50-51 "... a member of the Council, a good and upright man, who had not consented to their decision and action. He came from the Judean town of Arimathea and he was waiting for the kingdom of God."

John 19:38-39 "Later, Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate for the body of Jesus, but secretly because he feared the Jews. With Pilate's permission, he came and took the body away. He was accompanied by <u>Nicodemus</u>, the man who had earlier visited Jesus by night."

WWWLFJ?

John 3:16

SEE THE ONE Lifted Up! Keep On Believing!

Live The Light!

John 3:21 "But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done through God."