

## What It Means to Be Human

August 6<sup>th</sup>

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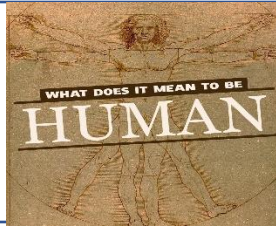
August 27<sup>th</sup>

*Born Beautiful*

*Born Broken*

***Born Again***

*Born to Sin No More*



### Intro:

- The Game of “Who is Good and Who is Bad”
- Who are we as Humans? Jesus says that we are
  - Beautiful and Beloved (Gen 1:27)
  - Broken and Stubborn (Rom 3:10)
    - Sin as a Misalignment of who we were/are meant to be
- Key to the Gospel is recognizing both our brokenness and God’s love and Desire to Redeem.
  - “It is the sick who need a doctor” (Luke 5:31)
  - Loved or hated into desire to follow Jesus?

### I. Face to Face (John 3:1)

- Who was Nicodemus?
  - Pharisee
  - Sanhedrin
  - Seeker
- The role of Prevenient Grace in Bringing us to Christ
  - We can ignore or pursue (Choice maker)
- Seeking, but not yet sure.

### II. Mind to Mind (John 3:2-4)

- Getting to the Heart of the Matter
- What is the Kingdom of God?
  - Way of Being
  - In tune to God’s Will
  - Citizen of Spiritual Nation
  - Compare to Garden of Eden
- Belief that it is the Righteous that get into the Kingdom
- How can we be Righteous?

- Stop Doing Bad Stuff?
- Start Doing Good Stuff?

- “You Must Be Born Again”
  - Old Testament Promises (Isa 43:18-19, 44:3; Jer 31:28-34)
  - Religious Understandings and Ancient Jewish Understanding
  - Gennethe (conceived; begotten); anothen (from above)
  - New creation but also a return to original creation

### III. Heart to Heart (Vs 5-17)

- How possible? Begins with God’s Unconditional Love
- Results in a Clean Slate (Heb 8:12)
- We are a New Creation (2 Cor 5:21)
- Our Part is to simply Believe (John 6:29)

### Conclusion:

- Stumbling Saints (Rom 7) (1 Tim 1:5)
- The Great Exchange (2 Cor 5:21)

