

Three Seconds

- Introduction:
1. If you're thinking that the above title has reference to a period of time, you're mistaken.
 2. The "seconds" are not measurements of time, but rather things that follow "firsts."
 3. The gospel records three important seconds that we need to consider.

I. There Is A Second Birth

- A. (John 3:3-5).
- B. There was a time when one was physically born into God's kingdom and became his people.
- C. Jesus is now telling Nicodemus that in order to enter the kingdom of God, one must be born a second time.
- D. Two elements:
 1. Water - (John 3:5; Ephesians 5:26; Titus 3:5).
 2. Spirit - (John 16:8; Ephesians 5:26; 1 Peter 1:22-23).
- E. The term "born-again Christian" is a redundancy, for every Christian is born again.

II. There Is A Second Coming

- A. (John 14:1-3).
- B. (Hebrews 9:28).
- C. (Matthew 24-25).
- D. (2 Thessalonians 1:7-9).

III. There Is A Second Death

- A. (Hebrews 9:27).
- B. (Revelation 20:14; 21:8).

- Conclusion:
1. We are faced with a choice today.
 - a. We can be born once, and die twice.
 - b. Or we can be born twice, and die once.
 2. What will you choose (Isaiah 1:18).