

Dei (Must, Ought) in John's Gospel^{NKJV}

- A. 3:7 Regeneration required for kingdom entrance (born from above). Nicodemus - "how can these things be?" (v.9)
"Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.'
- B. 3:14 Exaltation via the humiliation of crucifixion. "If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe ..." (v.12)
"And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up,
- C₁ 3:30 Jesus' fame and following (disciples) must grow
"He must increase, but I *must* decrease.
- C₂ 4:4 Samaria must contribute to the flock of disciples
But He needed to go through Samaria.
- D. 4:20 The old worship - physically on Mt. Moriah
"Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you *Jews* say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship."
- D. 4:24 The new worship - "truly spiritually" (Bullinger on Hendiadys)
"God *is* Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."
- C₁ 9:4 Jesus must persevere, teaching and giving signs while His ministry continues unhindered
"I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; *the* night is coming when no one can work.
- C₂ 10:16 Other sheep must be added to the flock to make it whole
"And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock *and* one shepherd.
- B. 12:34 Exaltation via the humiliation of crucifixion - they did not understand
The people answered Him, "We have heard from the law that the Christ remains forever; and how *can* You say, 'The Son of Man must be lifted up'? Who is this Son of Man?"
- A. 20:9 Regeneration via resurrection (rise from the dead) - they did not understand
For as yet they did not know the Scripture, that He must rise again from the dead.

Teaching Points:

A-A: Spiritual rebirth from above is required to enter the kingdom. Regeneration (i.e., resurrection) of Christ is the foundation required for the spirit baptism.

B-B: Christ lifted up - first the emptying of the cross, then the glory to follow. Neither Nicodemus the teacher, nor the average Israelite understood any of this.

C₁-C₁: Jesus' work must grow during the season allotted to it.

C₂-C₂: Samaria and the rest of the "other sheep" must be added to the "one flock". See Eze.34:22-23.

D-D: The old worship must give way to the new, truly spiritual worship.