

**You Must Be Born  
Again - John 3:1-21**



John

3:16



# Let's Talk Ideas

- Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. He came to Jesus at night and said, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.” (3:1-2)

# It's All About Being Born Again

- Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.” (3:3)
- “How can someone be born when they are old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born!” (3:4)

# The Best You Can Do Will Never Be Enough

- Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. 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.” (3:5-8)

**“I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.”**

*–Isaiah 36:25-27*

# Children of the Wind

- “How can this be?” Nicodemus asked. “You are Israel’s teacher,” said Jesus, “and do you not understand these things? Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. (3:9-13)

# Our Role in the New Birth

- Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.” (3:14-15)



For **GOD**

so *loved* the world  
that he gave his one & only **SON**,

that whoever believes in him  
shall not perish but have

*eternal life.*

-John 3:16

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# God Loves the People of the World

- “There is no contradiction between this prohibition and the fact that God does love it [the world]. Christians are not to love the world with the selfish love of participation; God loves the world with the selfless, costly love of redemption.” -D.A. Carson



Could we with ink the ocean fill  
And were the skies of parchment made,  
Were ev'ry stalk on earth a quill  
And every man a scribe by trade,  
To write the love of God above  
Would drain the ocean dry,  
Nor could the scroll contain the whole  
Though stretched from sky to sky.

*–The Love of God by F.M. Lehman*

# God Expressed His Love to the World By Giving His One and Only Son

- Jesus came and lived a sinless life and took the punishment we deserve to show us the extent of God's love for us



# You Must Believe in Jesus Christ

- The sign of authentic faith is when we give our allegiance to Jesus



# God's Plan Has Been to Reverse the Fallen Human Condition

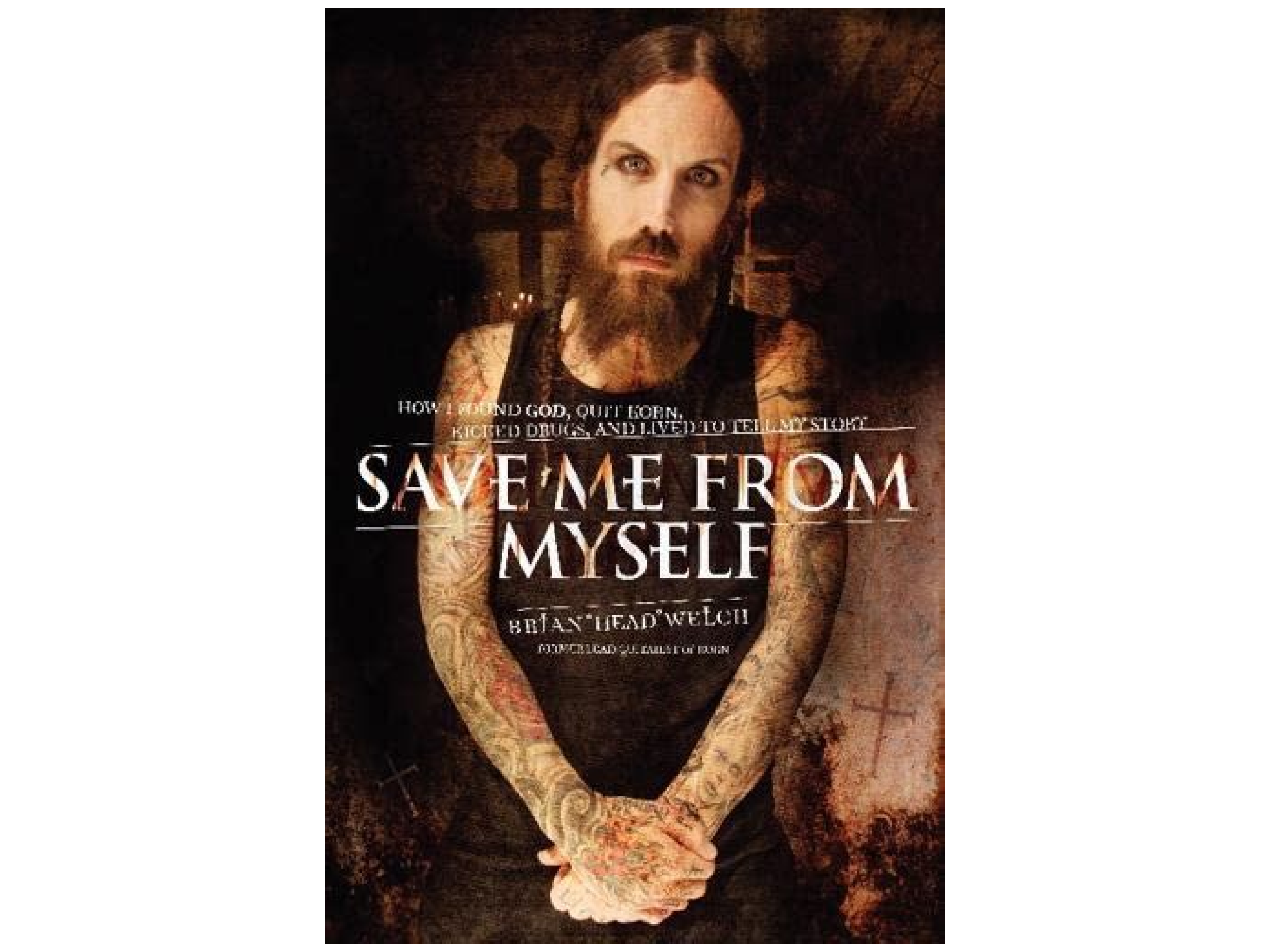
- For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. (3:17-18)

# What One Does Reflects Who One Is in Relation to Jesus

- This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. 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 in the sight of God. (3:19-21)







HOW I FOUND GOD, QUIT KORN,  
KICKED DRUGS, AND LIVED TO TELL MY STORY

# SAVE ME FROM MYSELF

BRIAN "HEAD" WELCH

FORMER LEAD GUITARIST OF KORN

HERE  
LIES

LESTER MOORE  
FOUR SLUGS  
FROM A 44  
NO LES  
NO MORE

COWBOY BILL KING  
SHOT BY BUD ALWOOD



