

## The New Birth

### I. INTRODUCTION

**A. Many misuse the term.**

**B. Examples of misuse are the following:** reincarnation, new outlook, reformation, starting going to church, became religious, gave up old habits (A.A.), etc.

### II. WHAT THE NEW BIRTH IS NOT

**A. Scripture:** *“But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: <sup>13</sup> Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God”* (Jn. 1:12-13).

**B. Many have wrong ideas about how it occurs.**

1. It does not occur because you have Christian \_\_\_\_\_.
2. It does not occur through human \_\_\_\_\_.
3. It does come through \_\_\_\_\_. All religions are based on unfinished \_\_\_\_\_.

### III. WHAT THE NEW BIRTH IS

**A. Scripture:**

**1. Its Nature:** *“Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.”* (Jn. 3:3-5).

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ said it was necessary.
- b. The necessity of the new birth relates to entrance into the kingdom of \_\_\_\_\_.

**2. Its Means:** *“Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.”* (I Pet. 1:23).

- a. The \_\_\_\_\_ is the means of the new birth.
- b. The eternal source of the new birth is \_\_\_\_\_.

**3. Its Author:** *“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead”* (I Pet. 1:3).

- a. The \_\_\_\_\_ begets the repentant sinner.
- b. The basis for the new birth is the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ.

c. The goal of regeneration is to give the believer \_\_\_\_\_.

**4. Its Agent:** *“Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost” (Tit. 3:5).*

a. The \_\_\_\_\_ of righteousness do not regenerate the sinner.

b. The agent of regeneration is the \_\_\_\_\_.

**5. Its Result:** *“Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him” (I Jn. 5:1).*

a. \_\_\_\_\_ that Jesus is the Christ is required.

b. A consequence of the new birth is \_\_\_\_\_ the Father and Son.

**6. Its Blessings:** *“We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not” (I Jn. 5:18).*

a. A great spiritual blessing of the new birth is freedom from \_\_\_\_\_.

b. Another blessing is that the wicked one does not \_\_\_\_\_ the believer.

## B. Background

### 1. Its Promise

a. *“Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD: But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people. And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.” (Jer. 31:31-34).*

b. *“Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them. And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God.” (Ezk. 36:25-28)*

### 2. Its Provisos

a. It is for the house of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

- b. The LORD will put His \_\_\_\_\_ in the inward parts.
- c. He will be their \_\_\_\_\_.
- d. God will \_\_\_\_\_ their iniquity and will remember their \_\_\_\_\_ no more.
- e. The sprinkling of water \_\_\_\_\_ them.
- f. They will receive a new \_\_\_\_\_ and a new \_\_\_\_\_.
- g. They will receive “\_\_\_\_\_” indwelling them.
- h. The Lord will cause them to \_\_\_\_\_ and to \_\_\_\_\_ in His word.
- i. They shall be able to dwell in the \_\_\_\_\_ which God gave them.

### C. Example

**1. The Passage:** *“And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him. The place of **the scripture** which he read was this, He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth: In his humiliation his judgment was taken away: and who shall declare his generation? for his life is taken from the earth. And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this? of himself, or of some other man? Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him **Jesus**. And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him. And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way **rejoicing**.”* (Acts 8:31-39).

### 2. The Precepts:

- a. Based on **Facts—Scripture**
- b. Applied by **Faith—in biblical Jesus**
- c. Experienced by **Feeling—rejoicing**