

The New Birth

Intro:

1. Have you been born again? — Jn. 3:1-8.

Body:

I. The new birth — Jn. 3:3-5

- A. The new birth has reference to conversion.
- B. It is given as a necessity for seeing the kingdom.
- C. Why was conversion set forth in terms of a birth?

II. Jesus' explanation — Jn. 3:5-8.

A. A spiritual birth is under consideration — Jn. 1:12-13.

1. How is one born of the Spirit?

- a. Consider? — Jn. 16:8. E.g., Acts 2:37.
- b. Begotten by the Spirit through the word —
Jas. 1:18; 1 Pet. 1:22-23.

(1) After all — Rom. 1:16; Jas. 1:21.

2. How is one born of water?

- a. Consider — Rom. 6:3-4 & 2 Cor. 5:17.

B. Again, Jesus emphasized by way of illustration — Jn. 3:8.

III. Compared with other passages.

A. Consider Paul's instruction to Titus — Tt. 3:4-7.

1. What does Paul mean by "washing?" —

1 Cor. 6:9-11; Eph. 5:26.

2. Note that Paul includes himself in Titus 3:5.

- a. Paul's conversion — Acts 9:6; Acts 22:16.

B. Note the following parallels between John 3:5, Titus 3:5; & Ephesians 5:26.

Conc:

1. The new birth is essential.
2. Will you be born again?