

"Ye Must Be Born Again!"

1. The necessity of the new birth

A. Man's inability

1. Cannot see the kingdom of God
2. Cannot enter the kingdom of God

B. Man's lost condition

1. Dead in trespasses and sin - Eph. 2:1
 - Blinded eyes - Matthew 13:14,15
 - Deaf ears
 - Hearts that are hard
2. By nature children of wrath - Eph. 2:2,3

II. What the new birth is not! -John 1:12,13

- A. It is not inherited from our parents - not of blood
- B. It is not making a decision - nor of the will of the flesh
- C. It is not decreed by some religious group - nor of the will of man
- D. It is not the result of good deeds - Titus 3:3; Isaiah 64:6,7; Eph. 2:8,9

III. The nature of the new birth

A. Jesus likens to physical birth

1. Conception
2. Characteristics
3. Time of birth

B. Work of the Holy Spirit - Titus 3:3-5

C. Washing of water by the word - Eph. 5:26

D. Born again by the word of God - I Peter 1:23

E. Change of the heart - Ezekiel 36:25-27

IV. Examples of the new birth and its manifestation

A. Zacchaeus - Luke 19 - called out of a tree - made restitution

B. Saul of Tarsus - Acts 9 - arrested by The Lord Jesus on the Damascus road - a few days later was in the synagogue preaching Christ

C. Lydia - Acts 16:14 - had her heart opened to the gospel - baptized - ministered to Paul & Silas

D. The Philippian Jailor - Acts 16:25cf - sought The Lord after the earthquake - ministered to Paul & Silas - was baptized