

# Understanding the New Birth

**Text:** John 3:1-17

**Main Idea:** We must understand & believe the testimony of Jesus concerning the new birth!

**1. What is the new birth:** It's the impartation of a new divine \_\_\_\_\_! (v. 3-7, 2 Pet 1:4)

- *Born from above:* The supernatural impartation of spiritual life which \_\_\_\_\_ in God. (v. 3)
- *Born of water:* God renews, forgives, & \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 5)
  - 1) Water does NOT refer to the \_\_\_\_\_ fluid.
  - 2) Water does NOT refer to \_\_\_\_\_!
  - 3) The water figuratively describes a spiritual washing or cleansing from impurity that is accomplished only by the Holy Spirit through the \_\_\_\_\_ of God. (Ez 36:25-27, Tit 3:5, Eph 5:26, James 1:18, 1 Pet. 1:23)
- *Born of the Spirit:* God \_\_\_\_\_ the Spirit in us! (v. 6, Ez 37)

**2. How does the new birth happen:** By the \_\_\_\_\_ God! (8-17)

- *By the sovereign work of the Spirit:* Regeneration is a mysteriously sovereign work which can be \_\_\_\_\_! (v. 8)
- *Through the sacrificial work of the Son:* Jesus was lifted up on the cross as a \_\_\_\_\_ for sinners. (v. 14, Num 21:5-9)
- *Because of the saving work of the Father:* The Father so \_\_\_\_\_ sinners that He gave & sent His Son to save the world! (v. 16-17, Eph 2:4, 1 Jn 4:9-10)

**3. How can I experience the new birth:** We must respond in \_\_\_\_\_ to the divine offer of salvation! (v. 9-17)

- Don't be unbelieving & reject the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus. (9-13)
- Be believing & you can be *saved*, have *eternal life*, & escape eternal \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 15-18)