

# The New Birth

## Introduction

1. The process of “birth” is something to which all the world can relate to.
2. One of the most beautiful truths contained in the Bible is that of “Spiritual Rebirth.”  
**John 3:1-12**

A. Spiritual rebirth is a “foundational truth” of God’s message in the New and Old Covenant.

- 1) This is one reason why Nicodemous should have known this basic truth (v.10).

Ezekiel 18:31 Cast away from you all the transgressions which you have committed, and **get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit**. For why should you die, O house of Israel?

B. We are to gain “a new life” through God’s plan in Christ’s new covenant  
**Romans 6:3-5**

## **The New Birth:**

### **Is Taught By Jesus**

**1. This new birth was taught by Jesus to Nicodemus in our text.**

**A. The “new birth” is not just:**

- 1) A religious tradition**
- 2) A “church of Christ” teaching**
- 3) A man’s idea**

**B. It is truly TAUGHT by Jesus!**

- 1) A man from God (v.2)**
- 2) A man who has been given all authority (V.31, 35)**
- 3) A man who taught His Father’s teaching (v. 31-33)**

**C. We will be judged by His words.**

**John 12:48-50**

## **The New Birth:**

### **Is Taught By Jesus "As Necessary"**

- 1. The word "unless" means except. Unless you do it you CANNOT!**
- 2. There is no amount of argument that can change this.**
  - A. When Jesus, who has all authority, says "EXCEPT/CANNOT" — there is no room for change!**
  - B. No creed, human authority, church council, etc. can alter or rescind the words of Jesus.**
- 3. However, in spite of Jesus' clear teaching, many do try to change this basic teaching!**
  - A. "Not necessary" "faith only" "grace only" "no absolutes"**
  - B. "Believe anything you want – as long as you believe something."**

**The New Birth:****Is Taught By Jesus As Necessary  
"To See and to Enter God's Kingdom"**

1. **"Unless.....YOU CANNOT"**
  - A. **You cannot see (v.3) – (to perceive with understanding)**
  - B. **You cannot enter (v.5)**
  
2. **"The kingdom" = the essence of the preaching of Jesus**

Mark 1:14-15 Now after John was put in prison, Jesus came to Galilee, **preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God**, (15) and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

- A. **Comes not with physical observation**

Luke 17:20 Now when He was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, He answered them and said, "The kingdom of God does **not come with observation**;

- B. **God's kingdom is "not of this world."**

John 18:36 Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; **but now My kingdom is not from here.**"

3. **God's "re-generation" will cause one's eyes to be opened to beauties of Divinity's heavenly realm.**

**1 Peter 2:3**

**Hebrews 6:4-5**

4. **"Unless one is born of water and spirit he can not see/enter."**

## Conclusion

1. **Based on this lesson, the most important question now is "have you been born again?"**
  - A. **If not, then believe in Him, repent of your sins, confess Jesus as the Son of God, and be baptized for the forgiveness of your sins.**
2. **Be born again and renew your heart in service to God!**

