

***THE SPIRIT AND REGENERATION***

- 1. What is regeneration?  
Titus 3:5**

- 2. Why do we need a supernatural new birth?**

**We are \_\_\_\_\_  
Ephesians 2:4-5**

**We can't \_\_\_\_\_  
John 6:44; Romans 8:7**

**We can't \_\_\_\_\_  
John 1:12-13**

- 3. What is the relationship between the new birth and faith?  
John 3:1-12 (*Born again* may be translated *born from above*.)**

**The necessity of the new birth for \_\_\_\_\_**

v. 3 \_\_\_\_\_

v. 5 \_\_\_\_\_  
Water is probably a symbol of the Holy Spirit as in Isaiah 44:3.

v. 7 *You must be born again* is literally, *It is necessary for you to be born again*. It is not a command.

**The necessity of new birth for \_\_\_\_\_  
Because Nicodemus had not been born again, he did not—**

v. 10 \_\_\_\_\_

v. 11 \_\_\_\_\_

v. 12 \_\_\_\_\_

There is no formula for getting the new birth or for getting faith, but a sense of your helplessness may be the first step in your conversion (Mark 9:24).

- 4. What is the instrument God uses to give new birth?  
1 Peter 1:22-23; Romans 10:9-14**

## 5. Evidences of the new birth

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**John 3:8**

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**2 Corinthians 5:17**

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**1 John 5:1-4**

## 6. What the new birth is

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**2 Peter 1:4-8**

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**1 Corinthians 6:11; 2 Thessalonians 2:13**

### **The foundation of the Spirit's work in our lives**

The Spirit gives us faith. By faith we are united to Christ, so God declares us righteous and adopts us into His family. Through faith we receive the Spirit (Galatians 3:14) and with Him come all aspects of His work in our lives—

- Assurance of our adoption (Galatians 4:6-7)
- Permanent indwelling (Romans 8:9)
- Incorporation into the church, the body of Christ (Baptism in the Spirit and gifts—1 Corinthians 12)
- Sealing (Ephesians 1:13-14; 4:30)
- The ability to be filled with the Spirit (Ephesians 5:18-21)

“The giving [of] one gracious discovery or act of grace, or a thousand, has no proper natural tendency to cause an abiding habit of grace for the future; nor any otherwise than by Divine constitution and covenant. But all succeeding acts of grace must be as immediately, and, to all intents and purposes, as much from the immediate acting of the Spirit of God on the soul, as the first; and if God should take away His Spirit out of the soul, all habits and acts of grace would of themselves cease as immediately as light ceases in a room when a candle is carried out. And no man has a habit of grace dwelling in him any otherwise than as he has the Holy Spirit dwelling in him in his temple, and acting in union with his natural faculties, after the manner of a vital principle” (Jonathan Edwards, *Treatise on Grace*).