

The New Birth (Part 2 of 2)

Recap of Part 1:

- 1) What is the new birth?
- 2) Why do we need to be born again?
- 3) How does the new birth come about?

I. The effects of the new birth

1) It overcomes the world

[1] Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. [2] By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. [3] **For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.** [4] **For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.** [5] Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

(1 John 5:1-5)

-Our treasure and delight are no longer in the things of the world (1 John 5:4; 1 John 2:15-17). **Jesus is now our true treasure.** (Philippians 3:8; Matt 13:44)

2) It frees us from continual sin

[4] Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. [5] You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. [6] **No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him.** [7] Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous. [8] **Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil,** for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. [9] **No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him, and he cannot keep on sinning because he has been born of God.** [10] By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: **whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother.**

(1 John 3:4-10)

-We're are still sinners (1 John 1:8-10) but the power of sin over our lives is broken.

3) It gives us faith and a genuine love for others

[7] Beloved, let us love one another, **for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.** [8] **Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.** [9] In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. [10] In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. [11] Beloved, **if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.** [12] No one has ever seen God; **if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.** [13] By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. [14] And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. [15] Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. [16] So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. **God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.** [17] By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. [18] There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. [19] **We love because he first loved us.** [20] **If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen.** [21] And this commandment we have from him: **whoever loves God must also love his brother.**

(1 John 4:7-21)

-God's love manifests in us and we love others because God loved us.

-The new birth produces life being lived for God because of the overflow of love, joy, and gratitude we've experienced in the new birth. (John 7:37-38)

4) Perseverance of our faith

[19] They went out from us, but they were not of us; **for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us.** But they went out, that it might become plain that they all are not of us.

(1 John 2:19)

[27] My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. [28] **I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.**

(John 10:27-28)

[6] **And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.**

(Philippians 1:6)

5) A lifelong journey of sanctification

[22] **But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life.**

(Romans 6:22)

[12] **Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.** [13] **Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead,** [14] **I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.**

(Philippians 3:12-14 ESV)

-We trust that God will continue to work in our hearts as we actively seek him in prayer and hear from His Word.

II. How can we help others be born again?

1) Share the Gospel with boldness trusting in God's sovereignty

[14] How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? **And how are they to hear without someone preaching?**

(Romans 10:14 ESV)

[7] So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but **only God who gives the growth.**

(1 Corinthians 3:7)

[7] But we have this treasure in jars of clay, **to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us.**

(2 Corinthians 4:7 ESV)

2) Be a good testimony