

The New Birth

John 3:1-8

Introduction: "Chain of Command" in the Army

Amen, Amen

Text: Jesus encounters Nicodemus, a great teacher

**The New Birth is the Key to Becoming a Christian

v.3 born again Birth from above being saved

I. The New Birth is a Must (v.3-5)

The very Nature of God demands it – absolute imperative

God is Holy!

The nature of man requires it. V3 no one can see it

We are lost sin

The Bible declares it.

To be a butterfly- you must be a worm with wings

---check out a locus

II. The New Birth is a Mystery (v.8) a spiritual birth

Nicodemus – How can such be?

Where the wind blows – MYSTERY

You hear it, feel it, and not know where – coming or going

Radio/TV works Mystery lights at Marfa

III. The New Birth is of Special Means (v.5-6)

Unless one is born of water and the Spirit (v.5)

Flesh is Flesh; Spirit is Spirit (v.6)

By the Holy Spirit

Negative – can't by yourself

Positive – definite experience Divine change

ILL – can't plant okra seed and get beans!

IV. The New Birth Bears Marks (v.6)

Flesh Spirit

The Internal Witness – Romans 8:16

“The Spirit Himself bears witness with our Spirit that we are children of God”

The External Witness – I John 2:29

“You know that everyone also who practices righteousness is born of God”

Fraternal Witness – I John 3:14

“We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the Brethren. He who does not love abides in death.”

Conclusion- The mark on my chin!