

THE NEW BIRTH

THE LIFE OF GOD IN THE SOUL OF MAN

Sermon Questions

1. What makes a true Christian? _____
2. We are called to obey our governing authorities unless they (1) command what God _____; (2) forbid what God _____; and (3) commands what God has not given them to command.
3. We are called to show _____ to all people, even if they do not deserve it.
4. We love others like God loves us because God's own Spirit has been _____ in us.
5. **The new birth is** sovereign _____ to the undeserving.
6. Good works are the _____ of the new birth, not its cause.
7. How should we respond to God's sovereign mercy in the new birth? _____
8. **The new birth is** the triune God's _____ of himself.
9. Regeneration is a complete change of life, being reborn and starting new. (True/False)
10. The evidence of the Spirit's renewal is _____ desires and affections for God and his righteousness.
11. To be _____ means that we are declared righteous before God.
12. **The new birth is** God's _____ in you.
13. The goal of the gospel is not forgiveness but that we would be joined with God forever. (True/False)
14. We still need reminders after we have been born again by the _____.
15. List at least one thing we reminded to do? _____

Discussion Questions

1. The sermon begins by contrasting common ideas of what makes someone a Christian (heritage, personal choice, outward behavior, or feelings) with the biblical reality of the new birth—union with God and “the life of God in the soul of man.” Which of those common ideas have you most easily fallen into, and how does the truth of regeneration reshape the way you think about your own identity as a Christian?
2. Titus 3:4–5 stresses that God saved us “not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy.” How does a deeper awareness of this sovereign mercy affect your daily attitude—toward your own failures, toward difficult people, and toward the call to show courtesy and kindness to “all people”?
3. The sermon highlights that the goal of the gospel is not merely forgiveness or escape from judgment, but becoming heirs who share in the life of God Himself (v. 7; cf. John 17:3; 14:23). What difference does it make in your hopes, priorities, and sense of purpose when you see eternal life primarily as ongoing fellowship with the Father, Son, and Spirit rather than simply a future destination?
4. The passage ends by urging believers to “be careful to devote themselves to good works” because they have already been regenerated by the Spirit. In what specific relationships or situations this week is the Spirit prompting you to put off the old patterns of verse 3 (foolishness, disobedience, malice, envy) and actively walk in the humility, gentleness, and readiness for good works described in verses 1–2?
5. What was your most significant take-away from this passage and sermon?

Discussion Questions for Children

1. Jesus said we need to be “born again”—that means God gives us a brand-new life inside when we trust him. How does knowing God loves you and lives in you help you be kinder or more patient with your family or friends?
2. The Bible says God was kind to us even when we didn’t deserve it. What is one way you can show that same kindness to someone this week, even if they are hard to get along with?