

Sunday Morning – December 17th, 2023

***Welcome To The
New Testament Baptist Church***

***Current Series
Bible Doctrine***

***Today's Message
The New Birth***

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Introduction

- **John 3:1-8**

- The new birth is absolutely necessary for us to see and enter into God's kingdom
- Man is spiritually dead
 - No natural desire for God
 - By nature we are at enmity with God
 - Therefore the new birth is necessary

The Nature of the New Birth

- **Negatively Considered – What the new birth is not...**
 - 1) **Not an eradication of the old nature**
 - **New birth leaved the old nature unaltered**
 - **Rom. 7:14-25; Galatians 5:17**

“Repentance and faith infallibly and inseparably flow from regeneration. True repentance takes place when God enables a heart to turn away from sin. This does not mean believers will not still struggle with sin, but rather they are aware of their sin and the feel sorrow and conviction before God. Faith is more than intellectual assent. It is God-given, unmistakable holding on to Christ and a total surrender to God’s authority (Rom. 3:21-31). This change from rebellion to submission, from unbelief to intelligent trust, is the unambiguous fruit of regeneration.”

Ben Peays

What the new birth is not....

2) It is not a mere getting of religion

**- Some seek religion or spiritual things
in order to obtain peace**

3) It is not human reformation

**- Many change their actions so as to
make a better life for themselves or
others**

The Nature of the New Birth

- **Positively Considered – What the new birth is...**

1) It is a work of God

Not a joint work of God and human will

Direct work of the Holy Spirit

John 3:8

2) It is a supernatural work

3) It is an instantaneous work

4) It is complete when repentance and faith have been wrought in the soul

I John 5:1; I Peter 1:22-23

Product of the New Birth

- We do not repent and believe and then the Holy Spirit regenerates us
- Repentance begins inward as a work of the Holy Spirit and it produces signs of fruit
- John required the fruits of repentance
 - **Matthew 3:7-8**

Three Elements of Repentance

1) Sin admitted – conviction

- In the new birth we come to recognize that sin offends a Holy God**
 - The intellectual element of repentance**
 - Identifies with Peter (Luke 5:8)**

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1) Sin admitted – conviction

2) Sin abhorred – contrition

- There is a godly sorrow in true genuine repentance**

- This is more of the emotional element of repentance**

- Not only do you know that God hates sin, but you also begin to hate sin and to mourn over it**

“The nature of Christ’s salvation is woefully misrepresented by the present-day evangelist. He announces a Savior from hell rather than a Savior from sin. And that is why so many are fatally deceived, for there are multitudes who wish to escape the Lake of Fire who have no desire to be delivered from their carnality and worldliness.”

A.W. Pink

Three Elements of Repentance

- 1) Sin admitted – conviction**
- 2) Sin abhorred – contrition**
- 3) Sin abandoned – conversion**
 - The change within leads to an outward change of conduct**
 - Some call this the volitional element of repentance**
 - Repentance concerns our whole inner nature: Intellect, emotion, and will**
 - Outward manifestations look different in the beginning for each of us**

Luke 3:7-14

“Godly sorrow and worldly sorrow. The first one leads to life, but the latter shoves us into a spiritual grave. Worldly sorrow only bemoans getting caught or weeps for what was lost. It never grieves for the wrong committed. Godly sorrow produces different results. When we experience godly sorrow, we are deeply grieved for the wrong we committed. We desire to ask forgiveness, to repair the damage, to make reparation for the harm done; not merely protect ourselves from pain or regain what we didn’t want to give up. In a word, we repent.”

Charles Swindoll