

Born Again through the Resurrection
1 Peter 1:3
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1. The God-exalting nature of your new birth

2. The mercy behind your new birth

3. The hope given by your new birth

4. The resurrection that caused your new birth

Next week: Matthew 3:13-17

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Discussion Questions

The following questions are designed to be used by parents in discussing the sermon with their children, but can be used by anyone in discussing the sermon with others:

1. What stood out to you in this sermon? Why?
2. What does it mean to be born again? Is this something you are to do, or that you need God to do for you?
3. What is God's mercy?
4. What is the hope spoken of in this verse?
5. What did God do in the past that causes new birth today?
6. Do you believe Jesus from the dead? Why or why not?
7. Have you been born again? How do you know? If you have been born again, what should this verse lead you to do?

Going Deeper:

These questions are designed for the believer to use in prayer with his/her Lord, and in discussion with brothers and sisters in the Lord:

1. How did this sermon challenge your thinking, or grow your understanding?
2. Why, when writing to Christians who were suffering persecution, did the apostle Peter say what he did in our text?
3. Our text begins with praise to God for what He has done in causing us to be born again. And verse 6 says we rejoice in what God has done. Praising God goes hand-in-hand with rejoicing in Him and in His works. Is it possible to praise God without joy? Why is joy important?
4. When you suffer trials, do you rejoice in what God has done in causing you to be born again? Explain.
5. Though we have been born again to a living hope, we do not always exercise this hope. What does this statement mean? How much do you exercise this hope? What can you do to cultivate a greater exercise of this hope?
6. How is Christ's resurrection central to the whole Bible and to all of the Christian life?
7. What is the primary way your heart should be affected by this sermon this week? What is the primary way your actions should be affected?