

Genesis 1:24-25, 1 Corinthians 1:18, 1 Corinthians 1:23, Matthew 7:22-23, 1 Peter 1:3, 1 Peter 1:23, Luke 24:27, 1 Peter 2:2, Philippians 2:12-13

## **Examination Of The New Birth**

- Jesus spoke of the necessity of a new birth which, without it, no one could enter heaven.
- All of us are born with spirits dead to God but alive to wickedness.
- The Bible will be our judge in the coming day.
- Born again means to be born into God's family, to have the rights of sonship and inheritance.
- The saddest thing is when people deviate so much that they have no desire to repent or return to the Lord.
- If any person is in Christ Jesus, he is a new creation.

## Born Again To A Living Hope

- Our regeneration is from God's mercy.
- Our new birth is everlasting and divine in quality.
- "Hope" and the "Word of God" are active and effectual, growing as all life grows.
- There can be no regeneration of the human soul in any person's life which is dead to God, without the operation of the Word of God.
- The Scriptures are essential for the whole Christian life - birth, development, maturing, and consummation.

## Longing For Christian Growth

- The Word of God is the purest food God can provide.
- It is as essential for a newborn Christian to feed on the Word as it is for a newborn baby to feed on its mother's milk.
- To "crave" for something indicates a deep, fully committed longing that can only be satisfied by being granted.
- In too many places the Christian faith has been prostituted; watered down, adulterated, so no longer is the pure milk available.

## Conclusion

- The purpose of longing for the milk of the Word is for growth in respect to salvation.
- We cannot work for salvation as it is a free gift through faith.
- Faith has three tenses: past, present, and future.
  - We were saved from the penalty of sin at the new birth.
  - We are being saved from the power of sin on this earth.
  - We are going to be saved from the presence of sin when we are in the Lord's presence.
- By faith we are saved and made to be a child of the King.