

**Lesson 1**

*Christian Birth and Results*

John 3:3 “Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

**I. The Demand for the New Birth**

A. Human position before the new birth

1. I was like a sheep going \_\_\_\_\_ (Isaiah 53:6).
2. I was a \_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 5:8).
3. I was without \_\_\_\_\_ and I was \_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 5:6).
4. God says I was \_\_\_\_\_ in trespasses and sins (Ephesians 2:1).
5. As an unbeliever, I was already \_\_\_\_\_ (John 3:18).
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ was my father (John 8:44).
7. My final home was Hell (Luke 16:19-31).

B. History of sin

1. Sin of race (Romans 5:12; I Corinthians 15:22).
2. Sin of nature (Psalm 51:5; Jeremiah 17:9; Romans 3:10).
3. Personal sins (Romans 3:23; Isaiah 64:6).

**II. The Plan for the New Birth**

A. Elements of the new birth

1. \_\_\_\_\_ or perish (Luke 13:3,5). God calls all men everywhere to \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 17:30).
2. To become a son of God you must \_\_\_\_\_ Him (John 1:12).

B. Actual act of the new birth

1. I \_\_\_\_\_ upon the name of the Lord and He \_\_\_\_\_ me (Romans 10:13).
2. I am now \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 3:19; Mark 4:12).
3. God says I am \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 13:38,39; Romans 5:1) – that means I have a new legal standing before God.
4. In Christ I have two things:
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ through His \_\_\_\_\_ (Ephesians 1:7).
  - b. Forgiveness of \_\_\_\_\_ by His grace (Ephesians 1:7).
5. When is the best time to consider the question of one’s eternal destiny? \_\_\_\_\_ (II Corinthian 6:2; Isaiah 55:6).

C. Provision for the new birth

1. Salvation, or the new birth, is a free \_\_\_\_\_ (Ephesians 2:8).
  2. Salvation is not acquired by \_\_\_\_\_ of righteousness (Titus 3:5).
  3. Salvation is an eternal gift given through \_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 6:23).
-

### III. The Results of the New Birth

#### A. Present Results

1. I am a \_\_\_\_\_ (John 1:12).
2. I am a \_\_\_\_\_ (II Corinthians 5:17).
3. I am a \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ (I Corinthians 11:1).

#### B. Past Results

1. I have the \_\_\_\_\_ of sins (Colossians 1:14).
2. I have given to me \_\_\_\_\_ (John 10:28) and shall never \_\_\_\_\_ (John 10:28).

#### C. Future Results

1. Access to God by prayer (I Peter 2:5,9).
2. Presence of Christ \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 28:20).
3. Able to labor for \_\_\_\_\_ rewards (I Corinthians 3:11-15; 15:58).
4. The hope of the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ and a \_\_\_\_\_ in Heaven to live (John 14:1-3; I Thessalonians 4:13-18).

#### D. Eternal Results

1. I have \_\_\_\_\_ life (John 3:16).
2. I shall not come into \_\_\_\_\_ (John 5:24).
3. Those who have eternal life shall \_\_\_\_\_ (John 10:28).
4. God will \_\_\_\_\_ my salvation (Philippians 1:6; II Timothy 1:12).
5. I am kept by the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ (I Peter 1:5).

### *Assurance and Security*

Assurance and security are not the same. The securing of the believer is God's work. It is a part of God's great work of salvation depending solely upon His infinite grace. Assurance is the believer's acceptance of the security provided for him in Christ. It is the result of the human soul resting in what God has promised in His Word to accomplish. *Note: Just because a Christian lacks assurance does not alter the fact that he is secure in Jesus.*

- ◆ Your security rests upon Christ's finished work.
  - ◆ Your assurance rests upon God's eternal Word.
  - ◆ Your salvation is dependent upon you having received Christ.
  - ◆ Your joy is dependent upon your fellowship with Christ and Christians.
  - ◆ Your fellowship is dependent upon your walk with Christ.
-