Ye Must Be Born Again

John 3:1-8

I. The new birth is essential in salvation. (v. 1-3)

“There was a man…” (John 2:23-25)

“a man of the Pharisees” (Matthew 5:20-28; 23:27-28)

“a ruler of the Jews” (John 7:50; 18:31; Numbers 11:16-17; Ezra 5:5-9; 6:7-14; 10:8)

“came to Jesus by night” (John 12:42-43)

“Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God” (John 7:15)

“Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.” (John 1:12-13; 8:33-34; Ephesians 2:1-4; Titus 3:5; James 1:18; 1 Peter 1:3, 23; Romans 10:2-3)

II. The new birth is spiritual in nature. (v. 4-6)

“How can a man be born when he is old? (Philippians 3:4-9)

“born of water and of the Spirit” (Numbers 19:17-19; Isaiah 4:4; 32:15; 44:3; 55: 1; Joel 2:28-29; Zechariah 13:1; Ezekiel 36:24-27; Titus 3:5; Revelation 1:5; 1 John 1:7; John 15:3; Ephesians 5:26)

“That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.” (John 1:12-13; Titus 3:5)

III. The new birth is divine in origin. (v. 7-8)

“the wind bloweth” (Ezekiel 37:1-14)