

THE NEW BIRTH

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John 3:1-36

- 1. The new birth is essential for salvation.** (John 3:3,5,7)
- 2. At the new birth a spiritually dead sinner is made spiritually alive.** (Ephesians 2:1-6; Colossians 2:13)
- 3. The new birth is instantaneous.** (previous verses)
- 4. At the new birth a sinner receives a new heart and becomes a new creation.** (2 Corinthians 5:17; Ezekiel 36:25-27; Romans 2:29; Colossians 2:11)
- 5. The new birth is an undeserved work of God's grace.** (Ephesians 2:5; Titus 3:5; 1 Peter 1:3)
- 6. The new birth is a supernatural & sovereign work of God—by the power of the Holy Spirit in connection with divine truth.** (John 1:13; 3:3-8; 6:63; James 1:18; 1 Peter 1:23)
- 7. The new birth is evidenced by the fruits of repentance and faith.** (Ezekiel 36:26; John 1:13; Ephesians 2:1,5; 1 John 5:1)
- 8. The new birth is further evidenced by a changed and changing life.** (Galatians 5:22; Ephesians 5:9; 1 John 2:29; 3:9-10; 4:7; 5:1,4,18)
- 9. The new birth is permanent.** (1 Peter 1:3-5; 1 John 5:18)

Doctrinal Statement – First Baptist Church of Middleville

ARTICLE X – GRACE IN THE NEW CREATION

We believe that in order to be saved, sinners must be born again; that the new birth is a new creation in Christ Jesus; that it is instantaneous and not a process; that in the new birth the one dead in trespasses and in sins is made a partaker of the divine nature and receives eternal life, the free gift of God; that the new creation is brought about in a manner above our comprehension, not by culture, not by character, nor by the will of man, but wholly and solely by the power of the Holy Spirit in connection with divine truth, so as to secure our voluntary obedience to the gospel; that its proper evidence appears in the holy fruits of repentance and faith and newness of life.

Ezekiel 36:25-27 - ²⁵ I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. ²⁶ And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

John 1:13 - ...who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

John 3:5-8 - ⁵ Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' ⁸ The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

2 Corinthians 5:17 - Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

Ephesians 2:5 - ...even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved

Titus 3:5 - He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit

1 Peter 1:3 - Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead

1 John 3:9 - No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him; and he cannot keep on sinning, because he has been born of God.

1 John 4:7 - Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.

1 John 5:1 - Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him.