

## **1 Peter 1:3-4**

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!  
In his great mercy he has given us new birth  
into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,  
and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade-  
kept in heaven for you...

### **WHAT IS OUR NEW BIRTH?**

Our new birth is a fundamental change in \_\_\_\_\_.

*See also, Romans 6:4-8, 2 Corinthians 5:17, Ephesians 2:4-5*

Our new birth brings us into a \_\_\_\_\_.

*Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith... Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. –Hebrews 10:22-23*

Our new birth brings us into \_\_\_\_\_.

*Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world.*

*- Matthew 25:34b*

### **HOW DOES OUR NEW BIRTH COME ABOUT?**

Our new birth is through \_\_\_\_\_ from the dead.

*Jesus has overcome and the grave is overwhelmed.*

*The victory is won. He is risen from the dead.*

*And I will rise when He calls my name...*

[From, "I Will Rise," Chris Tomlin]

### **WHY DO WE RECEIVE NEW BIRTH?**

Our new birth is because of \_\_\_\_\_.

*But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. –Titus 3:4-5*

*...God, who has saved us and called us to a holy life-- not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time,*  
*-2 Timothy 1:8b-10*

#### ***What if I'm not sure today's message applies to me?***

For this message, I am making the same assumption that Peter did. Peter assumed that the people he was writing to had received new birth from God. In this message I am sharing in the same way – as though you have already received this new birth.

During this message you may realize that I am not really speaking to you – that you have not had an experience of a new birth. I encourage you that the fact you are here is a sign that God is at work in calling you to this new birth. I encourage you to continue to wrestle with what you believe about Jesus Christ. I would be glad to talk with you more at any time.