

# "Experiencing the New Birth"

## John 3: 9-15

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### John 3:1-8 RECAP

#### Wind Analogy

- It's invisible
- It's disruptive

*"Blown Away"* by Carrie Underwood

- It's life-giving
- It's mysterious

You see the King!

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*"How can this be?" Nicodemus asked.*

<sup>10</sup> *"You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus, "and do you not understand these things?"* <sup>11</sup> *Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony.* <sup>12</sup> *I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things?* <sup>13</sup> *No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man.* <sup>14</sup> *Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up* <sup>15</sup> *that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him."* John 3:9-15

#### I. How Can I Experience the New Birth?

*"Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God."* John 1:12

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*“Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.” (vs. 15)*

I did this *“to teach you that people does not live by bread alone but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.” (vs. 3)*

### **New Birth Belief**

1. You look to God as your only path to salvation.

Romans 6:23 *“For the wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”*

2. You realize what Jesus did for you to save you.

*“...the punishment that brought us peace was on him,  
and by his wounds we are healed.  
We all, like sheep, have gone astray,  
each of us has turned to our own way;  
and the Lord has laid on him  
the iniquity of us all.” Isaiah 53:5-6*

3. You bring nothing to God except your faith. You look...

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*“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son that **whosoever** believes in him will not perish but have everlasting life.” John 3:16*

I Peter 5:5 *“God is opposed to the proud but gives grace to the humble.”*

### Rock of Ages

Not the labor of my hands  
Can fulfill Thy law's demands;  
Could my zeal no respite know,  
Could my tears forever flow,  
All for sin could not atone;  
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring,  
Simply to Thy cross I cling;  
Naked, come to Thee for dress;  
Helpless, look to Thee for grace;  
Foul, I to the fountain fly;  
Wash me, Savior, or I die.

*“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” Ephesians 2:8-10*