

**SCRIPTURE:** Ten Commandments (Ex. 20) – John 3:1-21  
**SINGING:** 395:1-4 – 84:1-2 – 337:1-4 – 428:10 – 425:3, 5, 6

Introduction to John 3

- A. Nicodemus belonged to Jewish Church yet needed to *be born again*
  
- B. The reason we need to be *born again* is to be *able* to be part of His Kingdom
  
- C. Jesus' focus was *sowing the incorruptible seed of regeneration* (1 Peter 1:23)

NEW BIRTH I. THE AUTHOR II. MEANS III. EVIDENCE
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**I. The Author of the New Birth**

- A. The Holy Spirit is the *only Author*: vs. 8 - John 1:12-13 (Eph. 2:1-3)
  
- B. The Holy Spirit is sovereign in His work: vs. 7-8

**II. THE MEANS**

- A. Holy Spirit works this mysterious new birth through *the Word (the seed)*
  
- B. What is our responsibility if we desire to seek the power of Spirit at work?

**III. The Evidence of New Birth**

- A. The Holy Spirit's work is always *sensed* without being *visible* (John 3:8)
  
- B. We are to judge His work from the effects: *new birth brings a new life*
  
- C. What should we do when we see these effects in our children? (Col. 1:3-5)

Close: John Newton's confession!