

Title: THE NEW BIRTH (2)**Text: 2 Cor. 5:17-21; Memory Verse: Eph. 2:1****Introduction:**

As we continue, the purpose here is for you to realize your new identity in Christ. You are now a new person. Your old sinful nature has passed away. You are now born of God. The nature of God is born in you. You are a new creature, a new creation, a new specie. The nature of God is in you, therefore, you must learn how to live your new life just as a newborn baby must learn to do certain things in this world. **I Pet. 2:2.** (*Please recall points 1 thru 4 in last week's study.*)

5. CHANGES OF THE NEW BIRTH

- A new heart; **Ezekiel 11:19**
- A new mind; **Romans 12:2; 1 Cor. 2:16**
- A different interest; **Romans 8:5-8**
- Love for Fellowship; **I John 3:14**
- God's law is written in your heart; **Heb. 8:10b**

6. YOUR NEW STATUS

- You are redeemed; **I Cor. 6:20; Rev. 5: 9-10**
- You are free from the bondage of Satan and Sin; **Rom. 8:2**
- You are transferred into God's kingdom; **Col. 1:13-14**
- You have access to God's throne; **Eph. 2:18**
- You are now righteous; **II Cor. 5:21**
- You are now God's Ambassador on earth; **II Cor. 5:20**
- You have power over Satan and Sin; **Luke 10:19**
- You are a new creature; **II Cor. 5:16 - 17**

7. HOW TO SUCCEED

- Search the scriptures daily; **II Tim. 2:15; I Pet. 2:2; Acts 17:11**
- Pray without ceasing; **I Thess. 5:17; Luke 18:1; Eph. 6:18**
- Confess every known sin (fellowship vs. relationship); **I John 1:9; Prov. 28:13**
- Preach the gospel to others; **Acts 1:8; Mark 16:15-22; John 15:16**
- Enter into spiritual activities without reservation; **Romans 12:11**
- Give your tithes and offering faithfully and regularly; **Prov. 3:9 - 10; Mal. 3:8 - 12**
- Surrender to the leading of the Spirit; **Gal. 5:16; Eph. 5:18; Romans 8:14**
- Examine yourself daily; **II Cor. 13:5, 8.**
- Attend church services regularly; **Heb. 10:25**

Any believer who fails to follow these steps will end up backsliding; **Heb. 7:25** - Jesus wants to help you make it to the very end. Remember this: **"I am not going to be a spectator."**