



New Birth Marks

Classic Rock – Part 5

Ephesians 5:6-14

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1 Peter 1:3-9 *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, 4 and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, 5 who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. 6 In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. 7 These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. 8 Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, 9 for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.*

I. What Is New Birth?: _____

Acts 26:16-18 *“But rise and stand upon your feet, for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you as a servant and witness to the things in which you have seen me and to those in which I will appear to you, 17 delivering you from your people and from the Gentiles—to whom I am sending you 18 to OPEN THEIR EYES, so that they may TURN FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive FORGIVENESS OF SINS and a place among those who are SANCTIFIED BY FAITH in me.”*

II. Why Do We Need New Birth?: _____

John 3: 3-5 *Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot SEE THE KINGDOM of God.” 4 Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?” 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.”*

III. What Does The New Birth Do?: _____

1 John 5:18 *We know that everyone who has been born of God does not keep on sinning, but he who was born of God protects him, and the evil one does not touch him.*

IV. How can you tell you have New Birth?: _____

A. Steadfast Faith

1 Corinthians 15:58 *Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.*

B. Undoubting Hope

John 3:16-17 *For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.*

C. Radical Love

Galatians 5:6 *For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love.*

1 Corinthians 13 *If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.² And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.³ If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.*

Point:

Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on!

1. How are you? How are things with your soul?
2. How would you know a Christian if you actually spotted one?
3. Am I displaying marks of a person who is born again?
4. Describe your baptismal experience. Have you been baptized?
5. Have you experienced spiritual change in your heart? What evidence do you have of this?
6. Can you assure your hearts before him?
7. Do you love God? Do you love your neighbor? Do you have the Holy Spirit living within you? Have you been born of God?

