

# 7—The New Birth

“What We Believe”

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“We believe that the change which takes place in the heart and life at conversion is a very real one;<sup>1</sup> that the sinner is then born again<sup>2</sup> in such a glorious and transforming manner<sup>3</sup> that the old things are passed away and all things are become new;<sup>4</sup> insomuch that the things once most desired are now abhorred, while the things once abhorred are now held most sacred and dear;<sup>5</sup> and that now having imputed to him the righteousness of the Redeemer<sup>6</sup> and having received of the Spirit of Christ,<sup>7</sup> new desires, new aspirations, new interests, and a new perspective on life, time and eternity, fills the blood-washed heart<sup>8</sup> so that his desire is now to openly confess and serve the Master,<sup>9</sup> seeking ever those things which are above.”<sup>10</sup>—*Compiled by A. S. McPherson*

1. Matthew 18:3

*“Unless you change (be converted) and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”*

2. John 3:3

*“No one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.”*

3. Romans 12:2

*Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.*

4. 2 Corinthians 5:17

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!*

5. Ephesians 4:22-24

*You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.*

6. Romans 4:24

*But also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness—for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead.*

7. Romans 8:9  
*And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ.*
8. Romans 6:4  
*We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.*
9. Psalms 1:1-2  
*Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night.*
10. Colossians 3:1  
*Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above.*