"THE NEW BIRTH"

(Sermon Series: "New Life")

John 3:1-7

I. The Necessity of the New Birth

- A. The sinful nature of man makes it necessary
- B. The holy nature of God makes it necessary

II. The Possibility of the New Birth

"unless" (vv. 3, 5); "you must" (v. 7)

III. The Explanation of the New Birth

- A. Jesus compared the new birth to one's physical birth (v. 5)
- B. Jesus compared the new birth to the wind (v. 8)

IV. The Evidence of the New Birth

- A. A new appetite for righteousness (Matt. 5:6)
- B. A new love for God (1 John 4:19)
- C. A new attitude toward sin (1 John 3:8-10)
- D. A new affection for fellow believers (1 John 3:14)
- E. A new desire to the will of God (1 John 2:17)