A Study Guide for

THE NEW BIRTH

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INTRODUCTION
(NB, Chapter 1)

A. Universal Need of Salvation (Romans 3:23; 6:23)

B. Salvation Only Through Faith in Jesus (Romans 3:24-26)

C. Salvation Defined
   1. Deliverance from the power and effects of sin.
   2. Past, present, and future aspects (Acts 15:11; Ephesians 2:5; Titus 3:5).
   3. A continual process in this life.

   1. Reply to Nicodemus (John 3:3-5)
      a. The present aspect of the kingdom of God: the rule of God in the hearts of men.
      b. The future aspect of the kingdom of God: God’s eternal rule in heaven and on earth.
      c. Entering into the kingdom of God means salvation.
      d. The new birth involves water and Spirit.
      Repentance, water baptism, receiving the Holy
Ghost.
   Belief on Jesus, water baptism, experience of rejoicing.
4. Comparison of the three explanations: They are equivalent.

E. Approach in Study and Teaching
1. Those who have experienced the new birth according to Acts 2:38 need to understand the significance of what has happened to them.
2. Those who have not experienced Acts 2:38 need to understand its importance and necessity.
   a. We do not condemn them or deny any past experiences with God, but we wish to lead them into further truth.
   b. It is a great privilege, opportunity, and right to receive this experience. It is God’s plan for today.

Scripture Memorization: Acts 2:38; Romans 3:23-24; 6:23
Definition: salvation, kingdom of God (present and future aspects)
Questions

1. Cite two verses which declare the universal need of salvation, one from the Old Testament and one from the New Testament.

2. Give a short, precise definition of saving faith in Christ.

3. Give a brief theological definition of salvation.

4. State three reasons why the substitutionary, atoning death of Jesus Christ was necessary.
   a.
   b.
   c.

5. Continuance in a life of faith towards God can assure our future salvation. Cite a biblical passage which supports this principle and explain it in your own words.