“The New Birth: Alive to Beauty”

*John 2:23–3:8*

Sermon Outline

Big Idea—*To be born again is to awaken to the glorious beauty of Christ, and it is the free, mysterious, and irresistible work of the Holy Spirit.*

**Introduction: Belief Without New Birth**

**The New Birth**

*1. New birth is necessary to see and enter into the kingdom of God.* (Key References—Matthew 19:16, 24)

*2. New birth is necessary because everyone is born of flesh alone.* (Key References—1 Corinthians 2:14; 2 Corinthians 4:4; John 3:19; Ephesians 2:1)

*3. New birth is spiritual life and cleansing.* (Key References—Ezekiel 36:25–27; 37:1–14)

*4. New birth is the sight of and delight in Christ’s glorious beauty.* (1 John 1:6; Ephesians 5:8; 2 Corinthians 4:4; Matthew 13:44; 1 Corinthians 2:12; Psalm 4:7)

**The Work of the Spirit**

*1. Free*

*2. Mysterious*

*3. Irresistible*

**Conclusion: He Knew and He Still Came**

Key References—1 Kings 8:39; 1 Timothy 1:15; John 19:39; Ephesians 3:20–21