



UNLESS ONE IS BORN AGAIN, HE CANNOT SEE THE KINGDOM OF GOD
JOHN 3:3-8

The new birth grants new senses;

PSALM 119:18

¹⁸ Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of your law.

EPHESIANS 1:18-19

¹⁸ ...having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might...

1 JOHN 4:19

¹⁹ We love because he first loved us.

The new birth grants a new identity;

JOHN 1:12-13

¹² But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

1 PETER 2:9

⁹ *But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession*, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

The Spirit grants new life in Christ;

JOHN 1:4

⁴ *In him was life*, and the life was the light of men.

1 JOHN 5:1

¹ Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been *born of him*.

1 JOHN 5:11

¹¹ And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and *this life is in his Son*.

The Spirit is free and sovereign in granting new life;

JOHN 6:44

⁴⁴ *No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him*. And I will raise him up on the last day.

JOHN 6:65

⁶⁵ And he said, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father."

ACTS 13:48

⁴⁸ And when the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord, and *as many as were appointed to eternal life believed.*

ROMANS 9:15

¹⁵ For he says to Moses, “I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion.”

EPHESIANS 2:8-9

⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith. *And this is not your own doing;* it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

The sovereign grace of the Spirit is only good news to those aware of their hopeless condition.

Saving faith is the free act of the soul that has been given new life to see the compelling beauty and desirability of the Savior.

Mankind has two contrasting responses to the work of the Spirit.