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One topic in the message that has had much debate is the New Birth. There are many ideas on how and what happens. In this series we will try to communicate the truth of the New Birth as taught by scripture and Brother Branham. In part 1, we will discuss “Why Must You Be Born Again?” Let’s start with a very familiar scripture.

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St. John 3:3

Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

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In very plain language Jesus tells us that unless you are born again you cannot “see the kingdom of heaven.” We know that to see means to understand in this case. In other words, you must be born again so you can understand the kingdom. You must be born again so you can obtain the kingdom of heaven. Now the question arises, why does it require a new birth to see the kingdom of heaven? Let’s look at what Brother Branham said.

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¹²¹ *When you come in this world, you were born in sin. You didn't even come with a fighting chance. You were "born in sin, shaped in iniquity, come to the world speaking lies," within your own spirit, the desire of sin, a lover of sin because you were born in sin. You didn't have a chance.*

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The reason you have to be born again is because you came the wrong way. As Brother Branham said, “you were born in sin.” You were born by sex, which is not how God intended His elect to come, thus we must be born again. You came with the wrong nature and needed a new one. The old nature cannot obtain the Kingdom of Heaven. Let’s look at another quote and scripture.

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²²⁹ *How did you come to do this? You were deceived into it by your first marriage, to your adulterous parent, Eve. It's no fault of your own. By your natural birth, you come after Eve, who committed adultery. That's the reason you was born an adulteress. You're a sinner, to begin with. That's right. You was deceived into it.*

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Psalms 51:5

Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.

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We are all very familiar with what happened in the Garden of Eden. Eve had sex with the serpent and bare Cain. Sex was not the way we were supposed to come. We were supposed to come by the spoken Word. Instead, we come by a sex union between our natural parents, and as the quote above states, our “natural birth” causes us to be born with a sinful nature. Thus, we have to be born again by the Word. Without the New Birth we cannot obtain the Kingdom of Heaven.

As we discuss the new birth, there are important questions that must be answered to even begin to see what we receive with the new birth. Every denomination claims a "new birth" but we must see the need for the new birth and then we must see what the new birth is in order for us to be able to even know when we have one. Over the next few documents, we will discuss the following:

- What the New birth is
- Why do we need the new birth
- What is the difference between the birth that the denominations are claiming and the "True New Birth"
- How do you know when you get it (the evidence of the new birth)