



## Outline - Sunday, August 18, 2013

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Sermon Title: **THE GOSPEL OF YOUR SALVATION — PART 3**  
**THE STRUGGLE AND TRIUMPH OF THE NEW BIRTH: WHY AM I THUS?**

Scripture Reading: Titus 3:1-8/John 3:4-8

**1. Nicodemus compelled to work: John 3:4**

- mixing categories, reversing nature

Christ response – **vs 6-8** – “The Spirit’s work is Sovereign/Eccl

**2. Regeneration, washing, renewal: Titus 3:1-6**

– Birth/Cleansing/Renewal

– Type of New birth 2 Kg 5:14 (7 times)

– Clean - Eph 5:26 (the Word of God) John 15:3

– Growth in Christ/Rom 12:2/Eph 4:20-24/Col 3:8-10

“mind of Christ”

**3. The Promise of the Father in the New Covenant:**

Ezekiel 36:25-27

**The *fruit and evidence* of true conversions: Is a LIFE of...**

a. a life of faith: 1 John 5:1 is believing/is born again

b. a life of love: 1 John 5:2-4:19

c. a life of obedience: John 15:5/Phil 2:12-13

d. Union with Christ – 1 Pet 1:21-23/John 14

**4. The Struggle of faith: Gen 25:21-23**

a. A work of grace/not works – 21

b. The Old and the New co-existing – vs 22-23/Gal 5/Rom 7/Fight

c. A vital hope of final conquest – 1 Pet 1:7/Rom 8

Life of promise

d. True *humility* before God – Duet 8 – to try/humble

**5. The Triumph of saving Faith: vs 22**

a. It drives us to God – prayer/worship/study/dependence

b. He responds with a Word of promise: He talks back!

c. Christ shall have the victory:

1 John 4:4/John 16:33/1 John 5:1-4