

I. What We Saw Last Time:

- A. Christ Sovereignly Grants the New Birth by the Holy Spirit (John 3:5; Eph 2:1-10)
- B. The Newborn in Christ Responds to the Gospel Call with Repentance and Faith in Christ (2:38-39; Mark 1:15)
- C. The Newborn Believer Seeks Communion with the Lord in Prayer (9:11)
- D. The Newborn Believer is Welcomed into Christ's Church through Baptism (9:18; 2:38-39)

II. New Life in Christ Must Be Shared with Others Who Share It (9:19b, 26-28a; 2:42)

III. New Life in Christ Must Be Shared with Those Who Lack It (9:20-22, 28-29a; Gal 1:11-12, 15-17)

A. Good News: Jesus is the Son of God (9:20; Ps 2:7; 2 Sam 7:14)

B. Good News: Jesus is the Christ (9:22; 2:36)

IV. New Life in Christ Will Be Persecuted by Those Who Reject It (9:16, 23-25, 29b-30; 2 Tim 3:12; 2 Cor 11:32-33)

Reflection and Application Questions (for personal reflection and family conversation):

1. Do you have a desire to spend time with Christ's body, the church? Are there ways you could increase your fellowship with the body?
2. Do you have a desire to share the good news about Jesus Christ with others? Is there anything that keeps you from doing so more often?
3. Have you suffered for your faith in Christ? In what ways?