

# The Christian Life: from birth to babyhood

1 Peter 1:22 – 2:3

**Introduction:** compressing the Christian life into the image of a newborn baby

## 1. Begins with New Birth (brought about by the seed of the Word)

- A. v.22 – a brief description of what the new life looks like as it is lived out
- B. v.23 – image of rebirth (*or* new birth)
  - i. God's work, not ours
  - ii. two ways our thinking can go in knowing God alone can cause someone to be born again
    - positive direction: gives comfort & confidence
    - negative direction: gives an excuse for laziness & laxity
  - iii. the corrective for our perspective
- C. v.24-25 – encouragement to scatter gospel seed

## 2. Continues with Newborn Cravings (for the milk of the Word)

- A. the strength of this desire
- B. the positive usage of the image of a newborn baby (a contrast to 1Cor.3:1-2 & Heb.5:12-14)
- C. the self-assessment
- D. the Scriptural portrait
  - i. Psalm 1:2-3
  - ii. Psalm 42:1-2 (cf. Psalm 63:1)
  - iii. 1 Peter 2:2
- E. the development of desire
  - i. God's role
  - ii. our role: killing bad cravings

**Conclusion:** develop this desire *so that* you grow