PART I - "A NEW FAMILY"
(A Change by Adoption)

INTRODUCTION:

A. What does being "born again" mean?
(What is being "born again")

SEE: John 3:1-8

1. Being "born again" is an important matter (v.3)

You can be a "son of God" -- NOW! (I Jn. 3:2)

2. Being "born again" is an often confused matter (v. 4)

3. Being "born again" is a spiritual matter

a. It is not a physical birth (v. 3-5)

b. It is not a visible birth (v. 8)

--The new birth is provided because of the love of God (I Jn. 3:1)

--The new birth is caused by the Word of God
(I Pet. 1:23)

--The new birth is yours by faith in Jesus Christ (Gal. 3:26)

You must receive Him (Jn. 1:12)

B. What does being "born again" do for a person?
(What are the benefits of being "born again")

1. You will be adopted into God's family
(Rom. 8:15; Eph. 1:5)

2. You will be assured of a home in Heaven
(Eph. 2:19; II Cor. 5:2; Jn. 14:2)

3. You will be enabled to overcome the world (I Jn. 5:4)

C. How do I know I have been born again?
(What is the evidence of being "born again")

Jesus said: "By their fruits ye shall know them"

1. You will practice what is right (I Jn. 2:29)

2. You will <u>not</u> continually practice <u>sin</u> (as a lifestyle)
(I Jn. 3:9; 5:18)

3. You will <u>love</u> <u>God</u> (I Jn. 4:7)

4. You will love your <u>brother</u> (I JN. 3:10)

Conclusion: