

The background features a dark blue gradient with faint, light blue circular patterns and a scale. The scale is a large arc on the left side, with numbers ranging from 140 to 260 in increments of 10. There are also several smaller circles and arcs scattered across the background, some with arrows indicating direction. The overall aesthetic is technical and modern.

NEW LIFE NEW PERSPECTIVE

LEARNING TO HEAR AND FOLLOW JESUS

WHERE HAVE WE BEEN?

- **We believe that God speaks to us personally. That His sheep know His voice and follow him.**
- **God speaks to us by the Holy Spirit interacting with our mind, revealing God's character and thoughts to us**
- **The Bible is a finite, written record of the saving truth spoken by the infinite, living God, and it reliably fixes the boundaries of everything He will ever say to humankind.**
- **As a plant is dead to the realm of play, and a puppy is dead to the realm of math, Adam became dead to the spiritual realm when he mistrusted God and disobeyed Him.**

OUR SPIRITUAL NEED

- **When created by God, Adam lived in relationship with God, renewed daily. When He disobeyed God, though biologically alive, he died to the realm of the Spirit!**
- **It would be necessary for God to confer an additional level of life on humans through “being born from above” (Jn 3: 3).**
- **This being “born again” or additional birth would enable us to once again to be alive to God, to be able to respond toward Him and to act within the realm of the Spirit.**
- **With the additional birth, we can now live in 2 realms. We stand at the intersection of the merely natural and spiritual**

OUR SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

- Christ is pictured as washing away the impurities and clutter that have permeated our person during our life away from God “with the washing of the word” Eph.5:25-27
- When we come to God, our minds and hearts are like a dirty shirt, cluttered with false beliefs, attitudes, feelings and fears.
- These are the things Romans 7:14-25 is talking about as “sin” wages a war against the Law of God and we find ourselves living in 2 realms that are at war with each other.
- Our additional birth does not immediately change anything in the physical realm, but our union with God has the power to change circumstances or the way we look at them.

OUR SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

- **2 Cor.3:7-4:18 – The glory of the Christ-Life!**
- **3:7-13 - The law was temporary and condemning, but brought glory that Moses hid.**
- **3:12-4:4 – Those dead to the spiritual realm consider the things of God to be foolishness, their minds are blinded**
- **5,6 - Redeemed lives should be the light of the world**
- **7-9, 16-18 - Redemption does not change our circumstances but it does change our way of looking at them**
- **10-12 - Our identification with the Christ-life in us “is not a fact to be discovered by subtle examinations of theological treatises. It is a set of the will.”**

OUR SPIRITUAL CHOICES

- 1. Without the additional birth, people are completely blinded to the truth and reality of the spirit realm**
- 2. With the additional birth we face the battle of 2 realms within us. Which “dog” will I feed?**
- 3. The redeemed life and surrendered will, will be the light of the world.**
- 4. Our identification with the sin-life or with the Christ-life in us “is not a fact to be discovered by subtle examinations of theological treatises or of our soul-life and state of mind. It is a set of the will.”**