SERMON NOTES
11/7/26 *John 3:9-16*



- Rebirth is not a one-time event but a continual regeneration of perspective, calling believers to see through the lens of the Father rather than the lens of fallen humanity

- Religious knowledge and cultural familiarity with scripture are not substitutes for genuine spiritual rebirth and transformation

- The bronze serpent Moses lifted in the wilderness foreshadows Christ being lifted on the cross, signifying that sin and judgment have already been dealt with

- Believers are not sinners saved by grace in present tense identity but are now the righteousness of God, seated in a new identity placed on them by Christ

- The word translated as "eternal life" more accurately conveys a quality of life, meaning the fullness and richness of heaven is accessible now, not only after death

- The church must stop waiting for a future fulfillment and begin drinking from what has already been poured out

- Boldness before God does not require confidence or perfect understanding but simply bringing everything one has into the presence of God without holding back

- Pursuing God with imperfect, even foolish faith is honored by God, as seen in the life of David, who got much wrong but was still called a man after God's own heart

- The foundation of the early church is meant to be built upon, not merely returned to, and God is calling the church forward into greater expressions of his kingdom

Reflection

The bronze serpent in Numbers required only that the people look at it to be healed, which the pastor connects to looking to Christ -- what 'foolish' or unconventional acts of faith have you avoided because they did not align with your theological comfort zone, and what might it cost you to look anyway?