

An Outline of John 3:7, 8

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Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit. John 3:7, 8

The work of the Holy Spirit is *sovereign* in its activities and *mysterious* in its operations.

Sovereign: The wind neither consults man, nor is it controlled by men's devices. The Holy Spirit moves when, where, and as He pleases.

Irresistible: A tornado flattens anything in its path. So the Holy Spirit breaks the hardest heart, He melts them down, removes the prejudices, and takes away the stubbornness.

Irregular: Sometimes the wind blows softly and sometimes with a roar. Sometimes conviction and conversion by the Holy Spirit are tumultuous, like Saul of Tarsus, and other times, gentle and soft, like Timothy.

Invisible: We see the rain, snow, and lightening but cannot see the wind only its effects. So it is with the work of the Holy Spirit in regeneration.

Inscrutable: The work of the Holy Spirit is as impossible to fathom as is the wind. "I know not how the Spirit moves, convicting men of sin, revealing Jesus through the Word, creating faith in Him."

Indispensable: Only regeneration can make men blind sinners see, deaf sinners hear, and dead sinners live.

Invigorating: A cool and gentle breeze on a hot summer day is so refreshing. Oh, that the Holy Spirit would blow and refresh our generation with His life giving power.