What does this term mean? What is John trying to say to us by including it in his gospel? Unfortunately, Christians cannot agree on their answers. But, if we read all of John's gospel and his epistles as well, it becomes apparent that the epurpose of the "new birth," as well as the evidence for it, is love.

John follows the story of Nicodemus with the well-known assur-ance that "God so love the world that he gave his only son..." And throughout his gospel and epistles he stresses over and over that, as Christ has loved us, so we must love one another. "New birth" is men-tioned but a few times in the fourth gospel, whereas love is its theme. But in John's first epistle, he brings the two concepts together: "Beloved, let us love one another; for love of God, and he who loves is born of God and knows God" (I John 4: 7). In other words, whatever else "new birth" entails, the mark of it, the purpose of it, is to love one

As Christians we may like each other, at best, or tolerate each other and discipline our combative and hostile impulses. But "love one another"? Is it possible Lord? Is that what you really want from us? And if it is, can we do it?

Isn't that what Jesus was all about? To show us—not just to tell us—to demonstrate to us that it is not beyond our human capacity to love one another the same way that Christ loved us. "In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his son to be the expiation of our sins" (4:10). The love that took Jesus to his cross was a gift that was given him by God.

And that same gift can be given to us, if we really want it.

What blocks the gift of love, is our hate. For hate is not just something that happens in us, not just a feeling that takes us over, but it is constituted. is something that we hold onto because we enjoy it. Hate is not a disease against which there is no defense, but the serpent we invite into our lives and hold onto. So: "If any one says, 'I love God,' and hotse his better horse." hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen" (4:20). If we continue to hate it is because we

choose to hate rather than love.
All of us are called by God to be "born anew" and the purpose of that rebirth is to love.

Vets Ask

Q - I attend school under the GI Bill four years ago and I still have two years before my 10-year time limit expires. When I quit school before, I had an overpayment with the Veterans Administration. I would like to return to school, but I am afraid I cannot re-enroll without paying the overpayment first. I keep getting letters from the VA about this debt. What should I do?

A -- You do not have to pay back the overpayment to re-enroll, but your VA benefits will be withheld until the overpayment is recovered If you do not re-enroll, but your VA benefits will be withheld until the overpayment is recovered. If you do not re-enroll, you should contact VA to arrange a repayment schedule in order to avoid possible legal action that could be taken against you.

Q -- 1 am 72 years of age and did not receive an annual income questionnaire from the Veterans Administration, although I have always received them in past years. Should I have received one, or do I no longer need to report my income'

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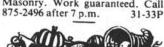
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