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The Resurrection To Life

John 3: ⁵Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶ **That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.** ⁷ Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' *(Another-born from above)*

I quoted EW Bullinger last week on context, here is what he said about these 2 types of context:

(a) The Nearer Context.

By this we mean what we may find and read on the same page, or opening; or at the most on the pages or in the chapters near to it.

(b) Remoter Context

By the Remoter Context we mean that which is separated from it by some chapters at least; or even by other books of Scripture.

John 3: ⁶ **That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.**

1 Corinthians 15: ²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of **those who have fallen asleep.** ²¹For as by a man **came death**, by a man has come also **the resurrection of the dead.**

²²For as in Adam all **die**, so also **in Christ** shall **all** *(all with distinction)* be made **alive**. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, **THEN at his coming those who belong to Christ.**

John 14: ²¹ **Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me.** And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him."

Galatians 5: ¹⁶But I say, walk by the **Spirit**, and you will not gratify the desires of **the flesh**. ¹⁷For the desires of **the flesh** are against the **Spirit**, and the desires of the **Spirit** are against **the flesh, for these are opposed to each other**, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. ¹⁸But **IF** you are led by the **Spirit**, you are not under the law. ¹⁹Now the works of **the flesh** are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, ²¹envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. **I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.**

²²**BUT** the fruit of the Spirit is **love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,** ²³ **gentleness, self-control;** against such things there is no law. ²⁴**AND THOSE WHO BELONG TO CHRIST JESUS have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.**

²⁵**IF** we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. ²⁶ Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

"While we need to know the truth, we will not be judged by what we know, but by what we do. And, Jesus does not grade on a curve. Arguments such as "I am better than I used to be" or "I have come a long way" are not going to cut it with Jesus Christ in that day.

For example, see Galatians 5:24, where Paul says that those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and desire. That is not a suggestion.

While we are blessed to know the truth, we must challenge ourselves to live out the truth in repentance and faith. If we know the truth, but don't live accordingly, how are we any

different from those that don't know the truth? The only difference is that we will be much more accountable!"

It is essential to our understanding of the "words" to find out why they are where we find them. EW Bullinger

1 Peter 1: ²³ For you have been born again, (*anagegenn menoi – present –passive-participle*) not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.

1 Peter 1: ¹ Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To God's elect, strangers in the world, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia, ²**who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father**, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and sprinkling by his blood: Grace and peace be yours in abundance. ³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth (*anagennēsas-aorist-active-participle*) into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, **"new birth"** - *active tense-The active voice represents the subject as acting.*
Whereas the Passive: The passive voice represents the subject as acted upon.

²⁴ For, "All people are **like** grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field;

1 Peter 2: ¹ Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. ² **Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk**, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation,

⁴ As you come to him, the **living Stone**.....

³.....**he has given us new birth** (*anagennēsas-aorist-active-participle*) **into a living** (*present –tense-NOT past tense*) **hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,**

⁴ **AND** **into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade—kept in heaven for you,** ⁵who through faith are shielded by God's power **UNTIL the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.** ⁶In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials.

⁷ These have come so that your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor **WHEN Jesus Christ is revealed.**

⁸Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, ⁹for **you are receiving** (*present-middle-participle*) the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Present-Continuous action in the present. Middle-represents the subject as acting with reference to himself.

¹⁰ Concerning this salvation, the prophets, who spoke of the grace that was to come to you, searched intently and with the greatest care, ¹¹ trying to find out the time and circumstances to which the Spirit of Christ in them was pointing when he predicted the sufferings of Christ **and the glories that would follow.** ¹² It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but you, when they spoke of the things that have now been told you by those

who have preached **the gospel** to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. Even angels long to look into these things. ¹³ Therefore, prepare your minds for action; be self-controlled; **set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed.** ¹⁴ As

obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance.

¹⁵ But just as he who called you is holy, **so be holy in all you do;** ¹⁶ for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy." ¹⁷ Since you call on a Father **who judges each man's work** impartially, **live your lives as strangers here in reverent fear.** ¹⁸ For you know that it

was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the **empty way of life** handed down to you from your forefathers,

¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. ²⁰ He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. ²¹

Through him you believe in God, **who raised him from the dead and glorified him**, and so your **faith and hope are in God**. ²² Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for your brothers, love one another deeply, from the heart. ²³ **For you have been born again, (anagegennas menoi – present – tense-NOT past tense) not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.**

²⁴ For, "All men are **like** grass, and all their glory is **like** the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, ²⁵ but the word of the Lord stands forever." And this is the word that was preached to you.

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