

Three Miracle Births

Series: "It's Beginning To Look A Lot Like Christmas"

John 3:1-7

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I. The Deficiency of The Natural Birth

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A. Born Into The Natural World

v.6 - "...that which is born of the flesh is flesh..."

B. Bound To The Sinful World

Psalms 51:5 - "...shapen in iniquity..."

*2 in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, 3 among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others. **Ephesians 2:2-3***

*19 Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery,[a] fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, 20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, 21 envy, murders,[b] drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. **Galatians 5:19-21***

C. Blind To The Spiritual World

v.3 - "...cannot see the kingdom of God"

*10 Jesus answered and said to him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and do not know these things? **John 3:10***

*18 having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart; **Ephesians 4:18***

*3 But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, 4 whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them. 5 For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your bondservants for Jesus’ sake. 6 For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. **2 Corinthians 4:3-6***

II. The Efficiency of The Virgin Birth

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A. Redemption

v. 16 - “...shouldn’t perish...”

B. Revelation

*18 “He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. 19 And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. **John 3:18-19***

C. Restoration

*21 But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God.” **John 3:21***

*22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. **1 Corinthians 15:22***

*16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ,[a] for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. **Romans 1:16***

III. The Sufficiency of The New Birth

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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.' **John 3:4-7**

A. What Does The New Birth Mean?

1. You Get A New Father
2. You Get A New Family
3. You Get A New Future
4. You Get A New Fortune

B. What Are The Means of The New Birth?

v.5 - "... unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God."

5 not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, Titus 3:5

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*"For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven,
And do not return there,
But water the earth,
And make it bring forth and bud,
That it may give seed to the sower
And bread to the eater,*

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*So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth;
It shall not return to Me void,
But it shall accomplish what I please,
And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it. Isaiah 55:10-11*

25 Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. 26 I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. 27 I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them. Ezekiel 36:25-27

Our spiritual parents are the Word of God and The Work of The Spirit.

C. The Must of The New Birth

7 Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' **John 3:7**

1. The Miracle of It

One birth is not enough
Born once - Die twice
Born once - Die once

2. The Mystery of It

3. The Message of It

No one is so good that the need not be saved.

No one is so bad that he cannot be saved.

God Formed Us

Sin Deformed Us

World Condemns Us

Education Informs Us

Culture Reforms Us

But Only Jesus Can Transform Us