



LIFE CIRCLES

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Regeneration - Biodivine, Part 5

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SUMMARY

We have been regenerated — regened — through the incarnation of Christ. We introduce the name for a familiar concept: semantic saturation, which misappropriates definitions of words. We may have thought “born again” meant another time, but it means “differently,” and it’s not symbolic. It’s natural and literal. In our exploration of what our new lineage is (we are new creations!), we also revisit functional Docetism, which eliminates the experiential aspect of something and our responsibility and accountability for it. If we look at salvation — our rescue — that way, we miss the fact that we have been regened. We’re not from Adam.

ICE BREAKER

What's a word or phrase that has lost its original meaning because people use it too much or in the wrong context?

KEY VERSES

- Titus 3:3-7
- Acts 2:40-47
- John 1:1-3, 3:1-12, 17
- Matthew 1:1
- 1 Corinthians 3:1, 15:45-49

SEEDS FOR DISCUSSION

- Semantic saturation is when something is used so frequently outside of its context that it loses its meaning in its context. Its authenticity and value are stripped. We’ve done this with many words, including biblical terms. We need to return to proper interpretation.
- Regeneration means receiving new biological lineage through Christ's incarnation, not moral improvement or behavioral change
- Being born again is paternal. Being “born again” refers to recognizing our new paternal ancestry through God rather than Adam. It’s not something we do. Jesus did it. We recognize it and live it.
- Like Jesus, we are life-giving spirits, not living souls.
- The word “again” is more accurately translated as “from above” or “from a higher place.”
- Christ's incarnation recapitulated all humanity, making Him the new federal head and giving all people divine lineage.
- The gospel should produce tangible, experiential benefits including signs, wonders, generosity and kingdom manifestation through human bodies.
- By definition, hope cannot be false.
- If you read the Bible through Adam's lens, it will be “bad news” because you will identify with all of the things that you used to be, and you'll think it's condemning you.