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The Gospel of  
**JOHN**  
“Come and See”

John 3:1-15  
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Regeneration

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<sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. <sup>6</sup> That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup> Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ <sup>8</sup> The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

<sup>9</sup> Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup> If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? <sup>13</sup> No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup> And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.



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David Bivin



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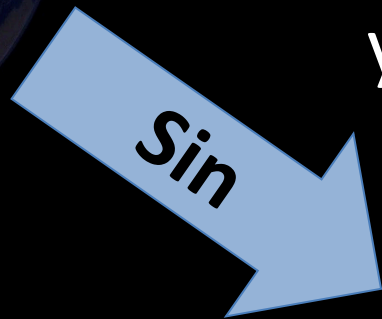
Jesus understood what was underneath Nicodemus’ comment: “You won’t be able to “see” who I am and my Kingdom unless you are born again.”



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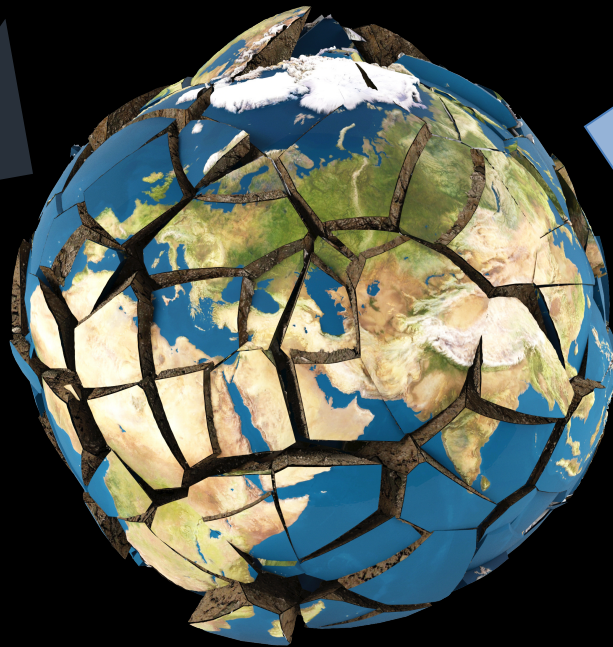


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Remade



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Sin/Death



Romans 5

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<sup>17</sup> For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ. <sup>21</sup> so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.



## Romans 6

<sup>5</sup> For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

<sup>8</sup> Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.



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Revelation 21:5

And he who was seated on the throne said, ***“Behold, I am making all things new.”*** Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”<sup>6</sup> And he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.”

# The Means of Regeneration

## 2nd Law of Thermodynamics

All things naturally move toward disorder and chaos,  
unless there is an outside intervention.

*"You can't unscramble an egg"*

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<sup>14</sup> And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

Numbers 21:8

And the Lord said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.”<sup>9</sup> So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.



John 6:63

“It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all.”

John 1

<sup>12</sup> But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, <sup>13</sup> who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

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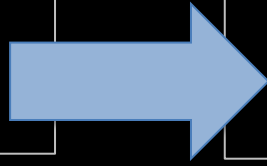
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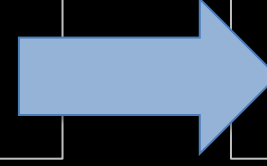
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# The Result of Regeneration

Who We Were



Who We Are



Who We Will Be

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## New Life

2 Cor 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.

## New Family

John 1:12

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## New Love

1 John 4:7

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.



# Benediction

1 Peter 1:3

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!  
According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again