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BELIEVE

"THE NEW BIRTH"

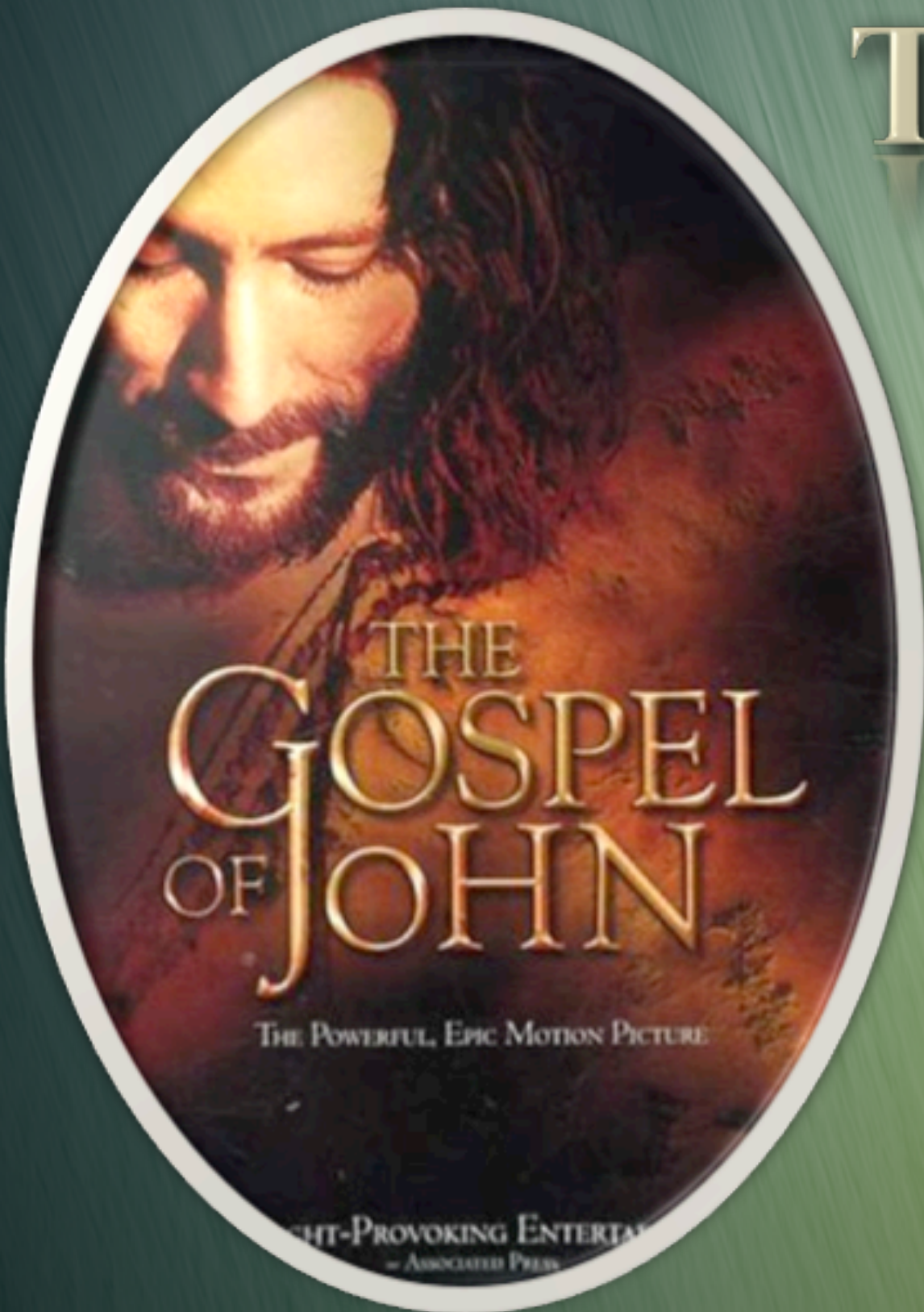
John 3:1-21

"The New Birth, You Must Be Born Again"

THEME

John 20:30-31 (NKJV)

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John 3:1-21



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BORN AGAIN CHRISTIAN????



- ◆ Every Christian has been "born again!" or born "from above" – 1 Pet 1:3, 22,23; John 19:11
- ◆ Equivalent expressions:
 - ✦ Regenerated & Renewed – Tit 3:5
 - ✦ Converted – Acts 3:19

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"THE NEW BIRTH"

John 3:1-21



- ◆ Consists of "water and the Spirit" – 5
- ◆ Not a fleshly birth but a spiritual birth – 6-8
- ◆ A birth made possible by what God has done for us – 10-13
- ◆ Received through an obedient faith to the word of God – 14-21; 1 Pet 1:22,23

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JOHN 3:1-21 (NKJV)

¹ There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ² This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, “Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him.” ³ Jesus answered and said to him, “**Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.**” ⁴ Nicodemus said to Him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?”



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JOHN 3:1-21 (NKJV)

⁵ Jesus answered, “Most assuredly, 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.’ ⁸ The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit.” ⁹ Nicodemus answered and said to Him, “How can these things be?”



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¹⁰ Jesus answered and said to him, “**Are you the teacher of Israel, and do not know these things?** ¹¹ **Most assuredly, I say to you, We speak what We know and testify what We have seen, and you do not receive Our witness.** ¹² **If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things?** ¹³ **No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, *that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven.***



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JOHN 3:1-21 (NKJV)

¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁶ For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. ¹⁷ For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.



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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.

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NECESSITY OF THE NEW BIRTH (1-3)

JOHN 3:3,5,7 (NKJV)

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✦ Necessary To See The Kingdom Of God...

- ✦ A Promised Kingdom – Dan. 2:44; Mark 9:1
- ✦ A Spiritual Kingdom – John 18:36; Luke 17:20–21
- ✦ An Established Kingdom (i.e. the church) – Mt 28:18; Ac 2:36,47; Co 1:13; Re 1:4–9
- ✦ An Eternal Kingdom – Mt 13:41–43; 1 Co 15:24–26

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✦ Necessary To Be Saved...

- ✦ Delivered and transferred INTO the kingdom where there is redemption & forgiveness – Col. 1:13,14; 2:11–13
- ✦ Salvation requires a "NEW BIRTH," "REGENERATION," (Titus 3:5), or "CONVERSION" (Mat. 18:3; Acts 3:19) – cf. Mk 16:16; Acts 2:38; 1 Pet 3:21
- ✦ One MUST become a child of God – (Gal. 3:26,27)

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NATURE OF THE NEW BIRTH (4-13)

JOHN 3:4 (NKJV)

⁴ Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?"

- ◆ Nicodemus thought favor with God was bestowed upon those descending from Abraham – (Jn 8:31–46; Rom. 4:1)
- ◆ Some commentators suggest that the language was often used in reference to a Gentile proselyte, but never of a Jew.
- ◆ Nicodemus supposed he was already a "child of God" thus thinking Jesus' teaching strange.

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JOHN 3:5-8 (NKJV)

5 Jesus answered,
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- ◆ "Most assuredly" – Jesus testifies to the truthfulness and certainty of what He says.
- ◆ What Jesus says is essential to enter the kingdom, i.e., His church – Acts 2:47; Eph 5:22
- ◆ Being born from above, i.e., born again, consists of two elements, water & the Spirit.

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◆ Four views:

- ✧ 1) Water refers to physical birth
- ✧ 2) Water refers to word of God
- ✧ 3) Water refers to baptism
- ✧ 4) Water refers to the Spirit
- ✧ 5) Water refers to repentance associated with John's baptism

◆ Why do many reject water referencing "baptism"

- ✧ Theological bias / Faith only

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The Bible Knowledge Commentary:

- ◆ "(3) The "water" refers to baptism as an essential part of regeneration. (This view contradicts other Bible verses that make it clear that salvation is by faith alone; e.g., John 3:16, 36; Eph. 2:8-9; Titus 3:5.)"

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The New Birth of Verse 3 Consists of Two Elements

WATER & SPIRIT

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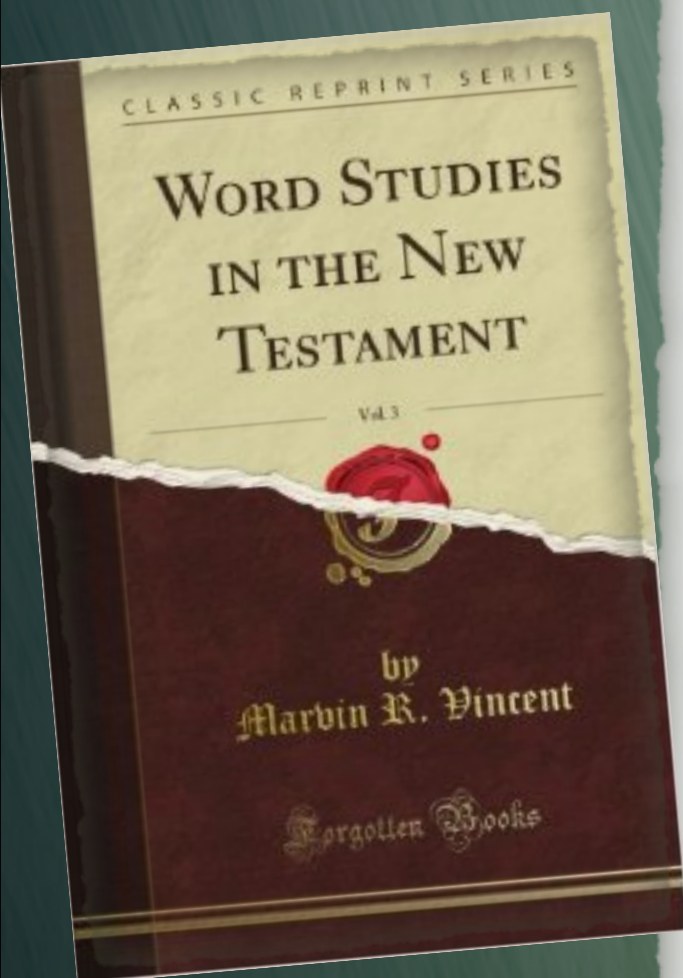
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Marvin R. Vincent: "... Jesus here lays down the preliminary conditions of entrance into His kingdom, ... including two distinct factors, water and the Spirit. That the former of these two factors is not to be merged in the latter; that the spiritual element is not to exclude or obliterate the external and ritual element. We are not to understand with Calvin, the Holy Spirit as the purifying water in the spiritual sense: 'water which is the Spirit.' ...



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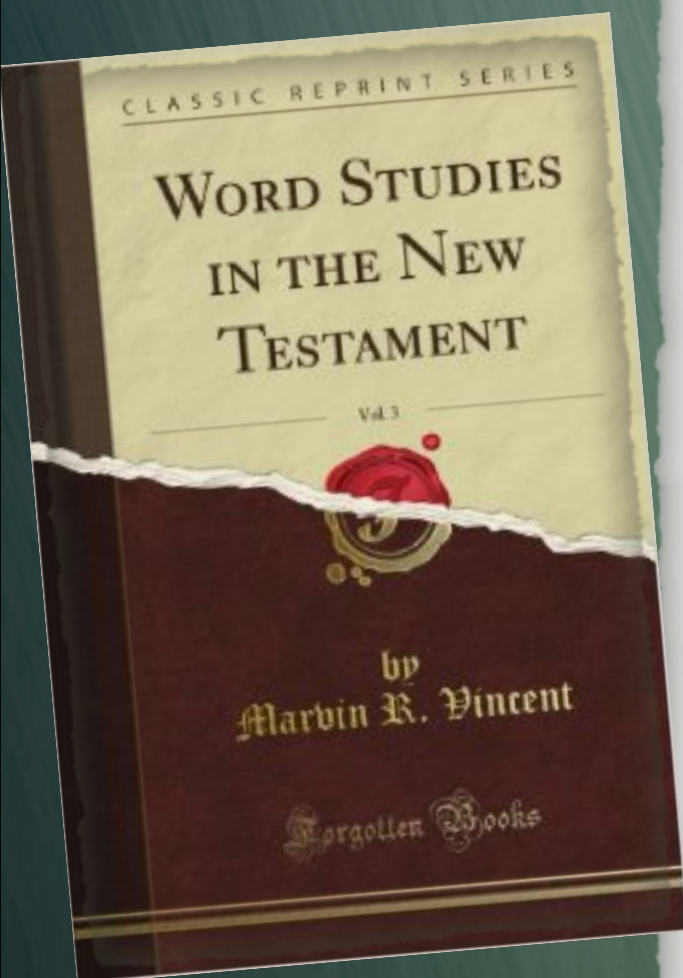
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“ . . . water points definitely to the rite of baptism, . . . Thus Jesus' words included a prophetic reference to the complete ideal of

Christian baptism - “the washing of regeneration and the renewing of the Holy Ghost” (Tit_3:5; Eph_5:26); according to which the two factors are inseparably blended (not the one swallowed up by the other),” . . .



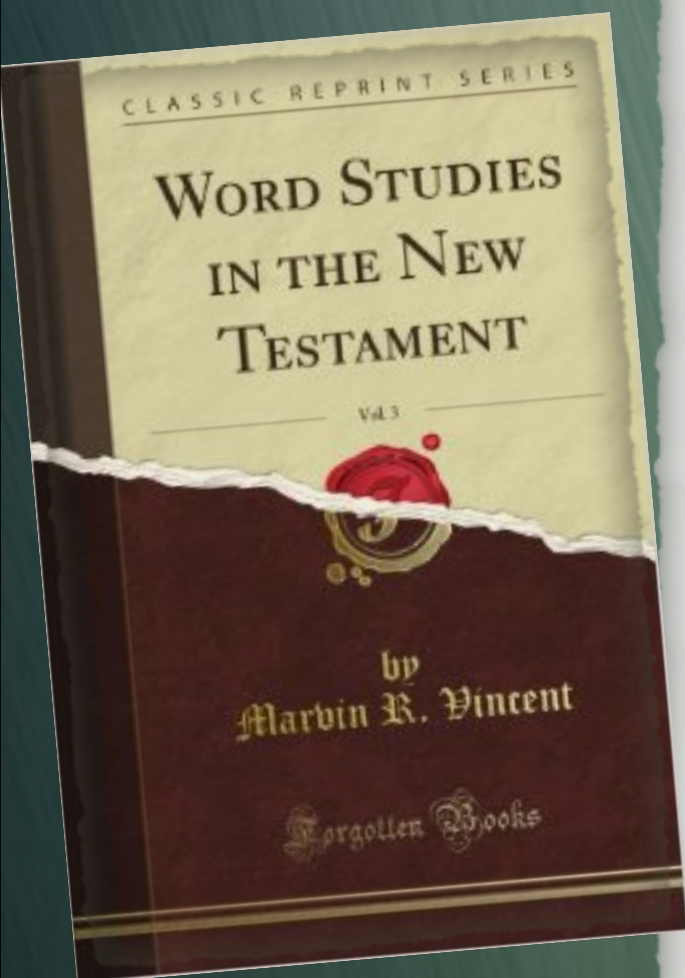
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“ . . . through its association with the Spirit's energy, is more than a mere symbol: is a veritable vehicle of grace to the recipient, and acquires a substantial part in the inauguration of the new life.”



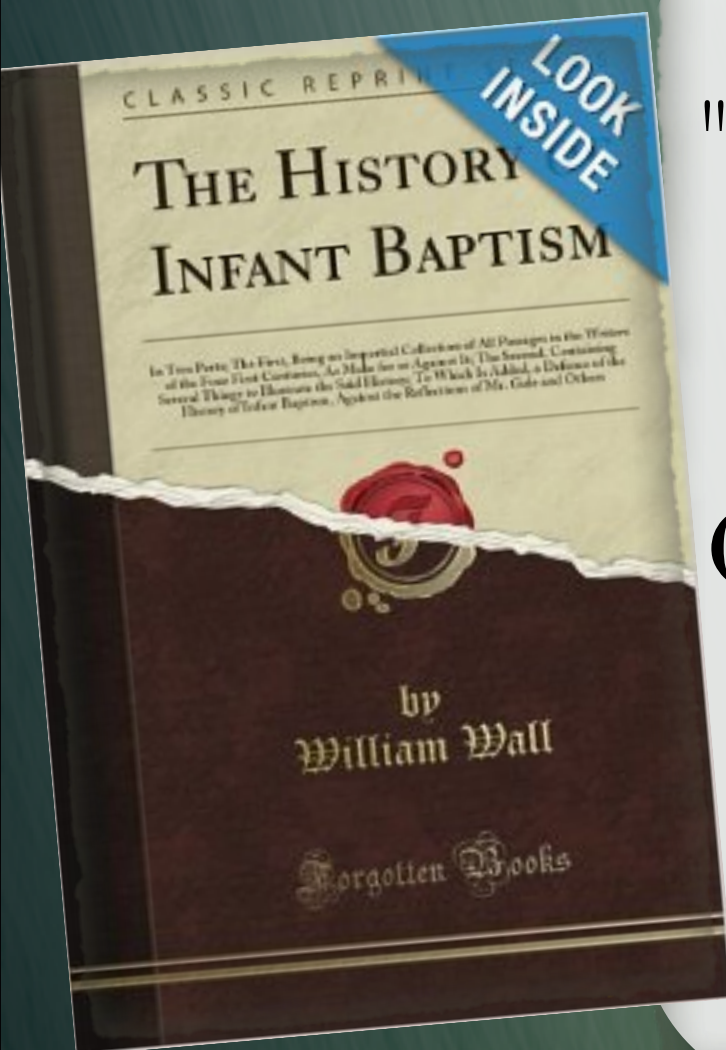
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(William Wall - History of Infant Baptism)

"There is not any one Christian writer of any antiquity in any language but what understands it of baptism....I believe Calvin was the first that ever denied this place to mean baptism. He gives it another interpretation, which he confesses to be new."



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H. A. W. Meyer (Critical And Exegetical Handbook To The Gospel Of John, p. 123).

"water, inasmuch as the man is baptized therewith (1 John v. 7, 8; Eph. v. 26) for the forgiveness of sins (Acts ii. 38, xxii.16; 2 Cor. vi. 11), and spirit, inasmuch as the Holy Ghost is given to the person baptized in order to his spiritual renewal and sanctification"

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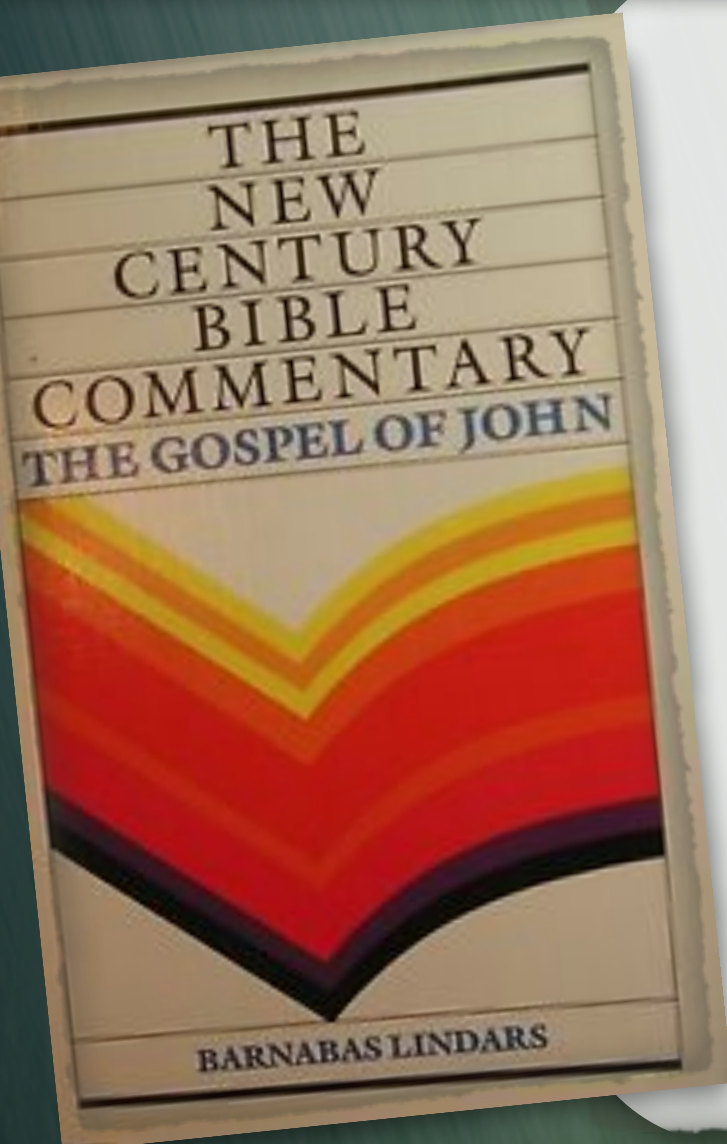
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*Barnabas Lindars - (New Century Bible
Commentary: The Gospel of John pg. 152)*

“It refers to an act, and that act can only be water baptism and the giving of the Spirit which that conveys”



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R.C.H. Lenski - (The Interpretation of St. John pg. 237)

“Thus water baptism in this passage is joined with the work of the Holy Spirit, “The former being the divinely chosen medium, (necessary on that account), the latter being the regenerating agent who uses that medium.”



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John 3:5	Titus 3:5	Ephes. 5:26	Heb 10:22	1 Pet. 1:21,22
born of water	washing of regeneration	washing of water	Bodies washed	Purified your souls by obeying the truth
and the Spirit	and renewing of the Holy Spirit	by the word,	Hearts sprinkled	Born again . . . Of the word of God,

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Acts 22:16

Acts 2:38

Gal 3:26,27

Mark 16:16

Col. 2:12,13

Rom 10:14-17;
John 6:63

1 Cor 12:13

Rom 6:3-6;
2 Cor. 5:17

1 Pet 3:21



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BASIS FOR THE NEW BIRTH (14-18)

JOHN 3:13-14 (NKJV)

¹³ No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven. ¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up,

- ◆ The Sacrifice of Christ Who came down from heaven ... The provision for spiritual healing – (13,14; Num 21:4-9; Rom 5:6,7)

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BASIS FOR THE NEW BIRTH (14-18)

JOHN 3:15-16 (NKJV)

¹⁵ that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁶

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- ◆ The Reception of Man ... "By an obedient Faith!" – (15,16,18; John 8:24; Acts 8:36-39; Rom. 4:12; James 2:14-24)

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BASIS FOR THE NEW BIRTH (14-18)

JOHN 3:17 (NKJV)

¹⁷ For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

- ◆ The basis & provision of the new birth is NOT of human origin or deserving but of God's love, mercy & grace – Eph 2:8–10; Titus 2:11–14; 3:4,5
- ◆ Man chooses whether or not to accept God's provision – Josh 24:15; Rom 6:16–18; James 1:18,21

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**God's Universal
Kindness, Love &
Mercy.**

**The
Basis of
Salvation**

**The Gracious
Gift of God's Son
& The Gospel**

**The
Conditions
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**Faith – Repentance –
Confession – Baptism –
Faithfulness**

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REJECTION OF THE NEW BIRTH (19-21)

**JOHN 3:18=20
(NKJV)**

²⁰ For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed.

- ◆ Many Love Darkness More Than Light Thus avoiding the Light lest they be exposed ...
- ✳ Because of their evil deeds – (19)
- ✳ Pleasure in sin – (2 Tim. 3:1-5)
- ✳ Seek worldly gain rather than spiritual prosperity – (Luke 16:14)
- ✳ Seek honor from men rather than God – (John 5:44; 12:43)
- ✳ Do not love truth – (John 8:44,45; 2 Thes 2:10)
- ✳ They do NOT WILL to do His will – (John 3:20,21; 17:17; Eph 5:13)

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- ◆ Being born again is not accomplished by divine compulsion, human merit, water ceremony, parental discretion or belief alone,
- ◆ But by genuine, personal conviction, (faith), remorse and commitment to turn from sin to God, (repentance) and conversion (occurs in baptism) – Acts 2:38; 3:19

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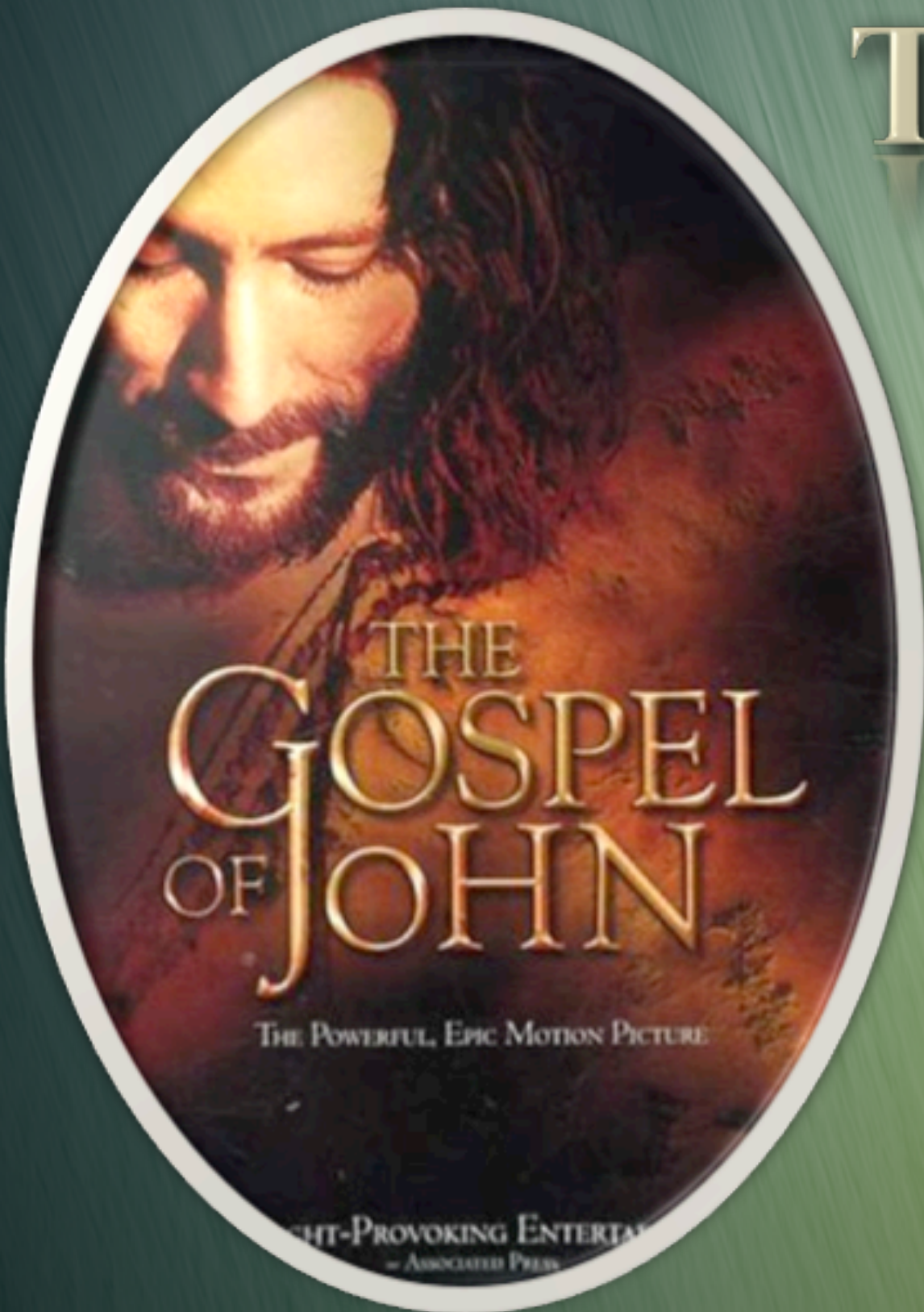
- ◆ Have you been born of the water and the Spirit? i.e., have you by faith repented of your sins, confessed your faith in Christ as the Son of God, and baptized into Him?
- ◆ If not – you CANNOT see the kingdom of God!!
- ◆ You will respond to God's love today one way or the other!

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I PETER 1:17-25 (NKJV)

¹⁷ And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay *here* in fear; ¹⁸ knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, *like* silver or gold, from your aimless conduct *received* by tradition from your fathers, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

1 PETER 1:17-25 (NKJV)

²⁰ He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you ²¹ who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. ²² Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart,

I PETER 1:17-25 (NKJV)

²³ having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever, ²⁴ because "*All flesh is as grass, And all the glory of man as the flower of the grass. The grass withers, And its flower falls away,* ²⁵ *But the word of the LORD endures forever.*" Now this is the word which by the gospel was preached to you.

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