

FOUR IMPORTANT BIRTHS

INTRODUCTION

Millions and millions of people have come into this world by means of the physical birth established by Jehovah God. Physical life began miraculously as God created man, but put within those created the power to reproduce after their kind. In the lives of that first couple there were two types of birth begun. 1st, there were children born to them by the natural process. 2nd, in their weakness they allowed another type of birth to begin on earth. At this point God made a promise of yet another birth, though physical in nature, it would have it's "male" part of it originating from heaven, and not on the earth, who would make known another birth. We shall now explain these births.

I. 1st, let's consider PHYSICAL BIRTH.

A. A physical birth is a part of God's way of keeping the earth populated.

1. Some believe that some accident or incident occurred billions of years ago, that began the process of "evolution", that eventually brought human beings into the world by birth.
2. God created animals and human life **separate**, and one did not evolve from ANY earlier form of life.
 - a. Man was made from the dust of the ground by Almighty God in the garden of Eden. Gen. 2:7, 18, 21-22
 - b. Then, God established the institution of marriage to continue life on earth. Gen. 2:23-24; cf Matt. 19:4-6; Heb. 13:4; Psa. 139:14; 127:3-5
3. Physical life began with the birth of Cain, and the population of the earth at this writing (2018) according to Google, is some 7.6 billion, with 108 billion having been born through the years, with 360,000 being born every day.

B. Physical life is made up of 2 basic parts—BODY and SOUL.

1. The physical body is made up of flesh, bones, blood and brains, and all the connections that tie these elements to one another.
 - a. The body is to house the soul while on this earth.
 - b. Flesh and blood and bones cannot live eternally, but will be "changed" (or resurrected) into a spiritual body, for eternity—**at** the coming of Christ and the end of this world, with it's having served it's purpose in God's plan. Isa. 45:18; 1 Cor. 15:50-54, 44
2. Then, there is the SOUL (or SPIRIT) which is in the inner man, or that part of man that makes him complete and different than animals. Job 32:8; Heb. 12:9
 - a. God is spirit, and He gives the physical body a spirit, making each person kin to God by having a spirit within him. Gen. 1:26
 - b. The soul or spirit is the REAL person, that inhabits a physical for it's earth existence, but has an opportunity to eventually have an eternal spiritual body.

C. This brings us to the point of man taking life by killing.

1. Animals have the spirit of life, but do not have souls as mankind has.
 - a. Animals are here for man's benefit, including the food process, which is lawful.
 - b. It is wrong for man to murder human beings, because they are made in God's image of possessing souls. Gen. 9:6
2. Murder is wrong (which originated with Cain's killing of his brother), and continues in all parts of our society through the centuries.

3. The immoral practice of taking of human life is practiced daily throughout the world, especially in America—in the process of **abortion**.
 - a. About 60 million babies have been killed in this manner, since it became legal in 1973.
 - b. Since a soul is given a body at conception, it is murder or the unlawful taking of human life. Prov. 6:16-17

II. 2nd, let's consider the BIRTH OF SIN.

- A. Some argue that sin is part of man's "nature" that he inherits from Adam and Eve, and is just as guilty of sin as was Adam or Eve.
 1. They practice what is called "infant baptism" to take away this so-called guilt of "original sin," as God performs a direct operation of the Holy Spirit in their lives to forgive this guilt in each individual.
 - 2, What about JESUS, who was born with a physical body inherited through Mary?
 - a. Was He a sinner, since He had a physical mother?
 - b. Catholics argue that Mary was an "exception" to this inherited sin, and was without sin so as to give birth to the Savior.
 - c. Jesus had the same kind of flesh as all humans, but HE did not yield to temptation and sin. Heb. 4:15; 1 Pet. 2:21-23
- B. Sin is not inherited, but the environment of sin is inherited, as we come into it's presence on earth daily.
 1. God does not impute sin to infants. Ezek. 18:1-2, 20; Psa. 58:3; Matt. 18:1-6; 19:14; Rom. 7:9, 11 (Use these passages as needed and as time allows)
 2. Man does not become guilty of sin till he commits it. Rom. 5:12; 1 John 3:4
 3. James describes the "birth" of sin in James 1:13-15.
 - a. Temptation **to** sin is not from God. v. 13
 - b. Temptation is for every responsible person. v. 14
 - c. Temptation appeals to man's desires. v. 14
 - d. When one yields to enticement, this is a "conception." v. 15
 - e. Sin is "born." v. 15
 - f. The result is "death." v. 15

III. 3Rd, let's consider the VIRGIN BIRTH.

- A. Here we look at a birth resulting from divine intervention into man's sinful life on earth, for the one born of a virgin was the Savior to save man from the guilt of sin.
 1. God planned such a birth. Isa. 7:14
 2. Mary conceived by the Holy Spirit. Luke 1:35
 3. The One born would be the "only begotten" Son of God. Luke 1:30-34; John 1:14
- B. **This** "virgin birth" cannot be duplicated, but occurred **once** to offer man a Savior and salvation from sin, as HE came to earth and revealed the "new birth" for all mankind.
 1. This birth is available to those who have been "twice born" (by natural birth and the birth of sin).
 2. Those born again according to John 3:3-7 will have been connected to four births: their own physical birth, the birth of sin, the virgin birth of Jesus and then the new birth.

IV. 4th, let's consider the NEW BIRTH.

A. Jesus reveals this "birth" in John 3:1-7. (Read)

B. This birth is God's provision for those who have been born physically, given birth to sin in their lives, and given the opportunity to benefit by the virgin birth of Jesus.

1. It involves the work of the Spirit, by means of the word of God. Jas. 1:18; 1 Cor. 4:15; 1 Pet. 1:22-23
2. It involves a reception (conception) of the "seed", just as a physical birth involves seed being received.
3. It involves the body of water from which one is separated at birth. Rom. 6:3-5; Acts 8:36
4. It makes one a child of God—delivered, by the system of faith, when baptized. Gal. 3:26-27
5. It is requirement of God. John 3:7

CONCLUSION

I. There are Four Important Births.

A. 1st, our physical birth is important, for it has a soul from God.

B. 2nd, our bodies and souls **have** been affected by the birth of sin, and it is important for us to know this.

C. 3rd, Jesus' birth on earth was for the benefit of those who are born physically, and allowed sin to come in and be born in their lives.

D. 4th, the new birth is God's way to bring us into His fellowship of righteousness.

II. If you have not been born again, won't you complete that process today, or if you as a child of God have left home for the far country of sin, won't you acknowledge that and let the Father receive you back?

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