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#11, two fathers – I Peter 1:23-25

The small group of believers in Caesarea had just witnessed all of God's plan involved in the new creation. They had already seen Jews come to be born again. But here was something different! Gentiles born again! It is little wonder they were amazed as recorded in Acts 10:45, **All the circumcised believers who came with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also.**

After this event, Peter clearly defined being born again in his first epistle. He was writing to persecuted believers that had been scattered telling them that they were not being persecuted for being Jews. The persecution came to them because they were followers of Christ.

This study of "two fathers" will help us as Christians to understand the complete miracle of what happened at Caesarea and the astounding facts about what it is to be "born again".

The difficulty for us, as "born again", is the fact that God in His infinite wisdom, chose to place what we are, as "born again", in the old container!

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Gen 3:20, Now the man called his wife's name Eve **(life giver)**, because she was the mother of all the living.

Acts 17:26, "and He made from one man (Adam) every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined their appointed times and the boundaries of their habitation,"

Gen 5:5, So all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years, and he died.

I Cor 15:22a, in Adam all die,

1 Peter 1:3-4a, Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable

[1.] Gen 3:20 & Acts 17:26, every nation of mankind, Describe, in your own words, where you and I are all originally from?

[2.] question [1.], Why or why couldn't we say that we are all "in Adam"?

[3.] Gen 5:5 & I Cor 15:22a, and he died. What can we say about all who are in "in Adam"?

[4.] I Pet 1:3-4a, an inheritance which is imperishable, How does one become the recipient of this inheritance?

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I Peter 1:23, for you have been born again not of seed which is perishable (**corruptible**) but imperishable (**incorruptible**), that is, through the living and enduring word of God.

seed, NT:4701 (*spor-ah'*); from NT:4687; a sowing, i.e. (by implication) parentage:
KJV - seed.

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[5.] I Pet 1:23, *seed*, In human parentage the product of a seed plus an egg is what?

[6.] v:23 again, Because of Adam, in all humans is this *seed* perishable or imperishable?

[7.] v:23 again, Is the “second birth” of a born again person born of the same type of seed?

2 types of seeds

not → seed, perishable (decay)

seed, imperishable (not decay)

or

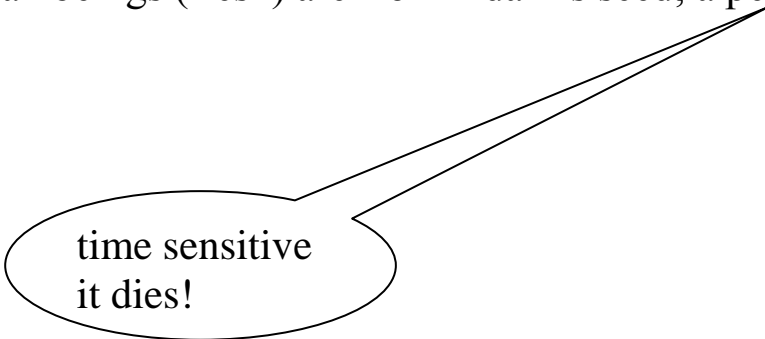
some translations: corruptible

incorruptible

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All human beings (flesh) are from Adam's seed; a perishable seed!



time sensitive
it dies!

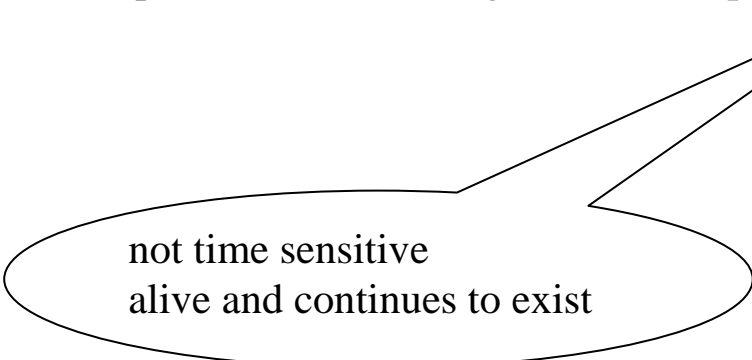
John 1:12-13, children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

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[8.] John 1:13, who were born, Regarding the children of God, write down why I Pet 1:23 agrees or disagrees with the factors in Christ's teaching.

[9.] back to I Pet 1:23, OK then, of not perishable, what kind of seed does the "born again" come from?

2nd part of v:23, "born again" of an imperishable seed!



not time sensitive
alive and continues to exist

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[10.] v:23 again, The verse concludes with the facts of this seed. They are: that is, through the _____ and _____
_____.

[11.] v:23 again, Describe the meanings of living and enduring.

[12.] John 1:13 (above) describes how the children of God are born. Who or what are they born of?

[13.] John 1:1, In this verse , the Word was what?

John 1:1, In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

[14.] John 4:24, From this verse, is God flesh or spirit?

John 4:24, God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.

[15.] Review John 3:1-8. Are the born again born of flesh or spirit?

[16.] Write true or false to the following:

- a) God's seed is a spiritual seed.
- b) The imperishable seed is God's seed.
- c) The word of God is God's seed.
- d) The born again are a "fixed up" Adam's seed.

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