

John 3:1-13 Born Again

John continues his concepts of new:
Water into wine. Cleansing of the temple.

Nicodemus

Kingdom of God

V3: Gk. *anōthen*: (i) It can mean from the beginning, completely radically. (ii) It can mean again, in the sense of for the second time. (iii) It can mean from above, and, therefore, from God

V5: Born of water and Spirit

1. Water - human birth. Flesh.
2. Water - Christian baptism.
3. Baptism by water and by the Spirit.
4. Water & spirit are linked as refreshing, renewing, in OT.
5. Water = Spirit.

“Jesus evidently meant that unless a person has experienced spiritual cleansing and renewal from God’s spirit (or Spirit) he or she cannot enter the kingdom.” - Constable

The concept of regeneration.