



FORMED | PT 2 THE WORD AND LENS | PASTOR RYAN ROBERTS

1 JOHN 3:1-10 "BORN OF GOD"

BORN: 1080. GENNAÓ: to regenerate -- bear, beget, be born, bring forth, conceive, be delivered of

OF: 1537. ek or ex: properly, "*out from and to*" (the *outcome*); *out from within*. [1537](#) /*ek* ("out of") is one of the most under-translated (and therefore mis-translated) Greek propositions – often being confined to the meaning "by." [1537](#) (*ek*) has a two-layered meaning ("*out from and to*") which makes it *out-come* oriented (out of the depths of the source and extending to its impact on the object). (HELPS WORD STUDIES)

SEED: 4690. Sperma: From speiro; something sown, i.e. Seed (including in human reproduction) by implication, offspring; specially, a remnant (figuratively, as if kept over for planting) -- issue, seed.

BEING BORN AGAIN IS AN INSTANT THING THAT HAPPENS WHEN ONE RECEIVES THEIR SALVATION... BUT JUST LIKE A NEW BABY IS BORN IN THE NATURAL, IT HAS TO BE RAISED UP AS IT GROWS!

QUESTION: WHEN IT COMES TO DEVOTION, WHAT ARE SOME THINGS THAT UNDERMINE YOUR DEVOTION?

DEVOTION DEFINED: profound dedication, earnest attachment to a cause, person, etc., strong attachment (to) or affection (for a cause, person, etc) marked by dedicated loyalty (dictionary.com)

WE ALL CALLED TO GROW UP, TO BE FORMED BY GOD WHO IS NOT AN ALGORITHM... HE IS OUR HEAVENLY FATHER.

I DO NOT HAVE TO DO THIS IN DESPISE OF THE CALL TO BE HOLY...

NOT FOCUSING ON THE POTENTIAL PAIN OF KILLING THE FLESH BUT BY FEEDING THE SPIRIT, REFOCUSING ON JESUS CHRIST AND STAYING DEVOTED TO HIS WILL AND WAYS OUTLINED IN HIS HOLY BIBLE.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION: IS NOT ONLY ABOUT WHAT IS REMOVED FROM MY LIFE (THE SIN AND OLD SELF) BUT IT'S ALSO ABOUT WHAT HAS BEEN ADDED TO MY LIFE, AS I'M BEING FORMED INTO THE IMAGE OF GOD (THROUGH HIS GRACE AND TRUTH, AND FOR HIS GLORY).

TODAY, WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE WORD AND THE LENS IN WHICH WE READ IT.

2 TIMOTHY 3:13-17 CEB But evil people and swindlers will grow even worse, as they deceive others while being deceived themselves.

¹⁴ But you must continue with the things you have learned and found convincing. You know who taught you. ¹⁵ Since childhood you have known the holy scriptures that help you to be wise in a way that leads to salvation through faith that is in Christ

Jesus. ¹⁶ Every scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for showing mistakes, for correcting, and for training character, ¹⁷ so that the person who belongs to God can be equipped to do everything that is good.

**THERE CANNOT BE MULTIPLE VERSIONS OF TRUTH.
THERE MUST BE A SOURCE OF AUTHORITY.**

FOR SOMETHING TO BE **TRUE, IT MUST:**

- **PRESENT THE/A PROBLEM**
- **HAVE A SOURCE OF AUTHORITY**
- **PRESENT AN INFALLIBLE SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM**

THE SOURCE OF AUTHORITY: THE BIBLE ITSELF AS THE BREATHED WORD OF GOD. BECAUSE IT'S GOD'S WORD, NO HUMAN CAN CHANGE IT.

ISAIAH 55:10-11

COLOSSIANS 3:16

PSALM 119:105

THE BIBLE CANON (STANDARD): WAS PUT TOGETHER THROUGH ASKING LEGITIMATE QUESTIONS WHILE SEEKING THE HOLY SPIRIT'S DIRECTION:

QUESTIONS EARLY CHRISTIANS ASKED:

- **-Was it written by a prophet of God**
- **-Was the writer confirmed by God, or someone who is a confirmed eyewitness (for example, Luke)**
- **-Was it accepted by the early Church**

BIBLE TRANSLATION HISTORY

3 AD – This was around the time that the New Testament books began to be written in Greek. (AD 90 is when the last portion of the NT is written)

The OT books began to be translated to Greek shortly after the NT books.

382 AD Pope Damasus commissions a Latin translation Complete near 405

(King Henry the 8th split from the Catholic Church in 1509 and abolishes the Popes ruling. He established his own version called the Church of England.)

Martin Luther decides that personal faith is more important than Church authority, so he begins to translate from the Greek Bible into German, (common people did not speak Greek).

German NT – 1522

German OT – 1534

From there we have some lesser-known English translations but there were problems. Puritans changed some things to better suit their ultra conservative beliefs.

In 1604 King James commissioned a new English translation, 1611 it is published as the Authorized Version of the Bible.

1666 KJV without the Apocrypha

1752 English Colonies received official KJV Bibles with the royal seal

1769 King James is edited, OVER TIME WE GET MORE MODERN ENGLISH TRANSLATIONS.

REALITY CHECK: IF I AM GOING TO BE FORMED BY GOD, I
need to begin to change some things in my personal value
system.

TRUTH: WE MUST PLACE TRUST AND OBEDIENCE IN THE
TRUTH OF GOD'S WORD, LEANING ON HIS GRACE AND
MERCY. NOT ON MY OWN THOUGHTS OR FEELINGS.

HEBREWS 4:12

ANOTHER ISSUE... INTERPRETATION (NOT TRANSLATION).

WHAT LENS DO I CHOOSE TO VIEW THE WORD OF GOD
THROUGH?

DIFFERENT KINDS OF "LENSES": CULTURAL, EMOTIONAL,
CARNAL, ETC.

WE ARE NOT BOUND TO THE OLD STIPULATIONS AND
CONSEQUENCES OF THE OLD COVENANT SYSTEM...
BECAUSE CHRIST FULFILLED THEM.

MATT 5:17

THE OLD COVENANT IS NOT VOID, BUT IT IS OBSOLETE.

HEB 8:13

LUKE 24:13-35

WE READ THE WORD OF GOD, OLD AND NEW
TESTAMENTS, THROUGH THE LENS OF JESUS

Hosea: Old Testament book that is a series of rhetorical questions that spell out doom.

HOSEA 13:9-14

**THIS UNDER THE OLD COVENANT INTERPRETS THIS WAY:
THIS IS GONNA BE BAD!**

THROUGH THE “LENS” OF CHRIST:

1 COR 15:-50-57

The Word is the sword in the armor of God:

EPHE 6:13-18

LUKE 8:4-15