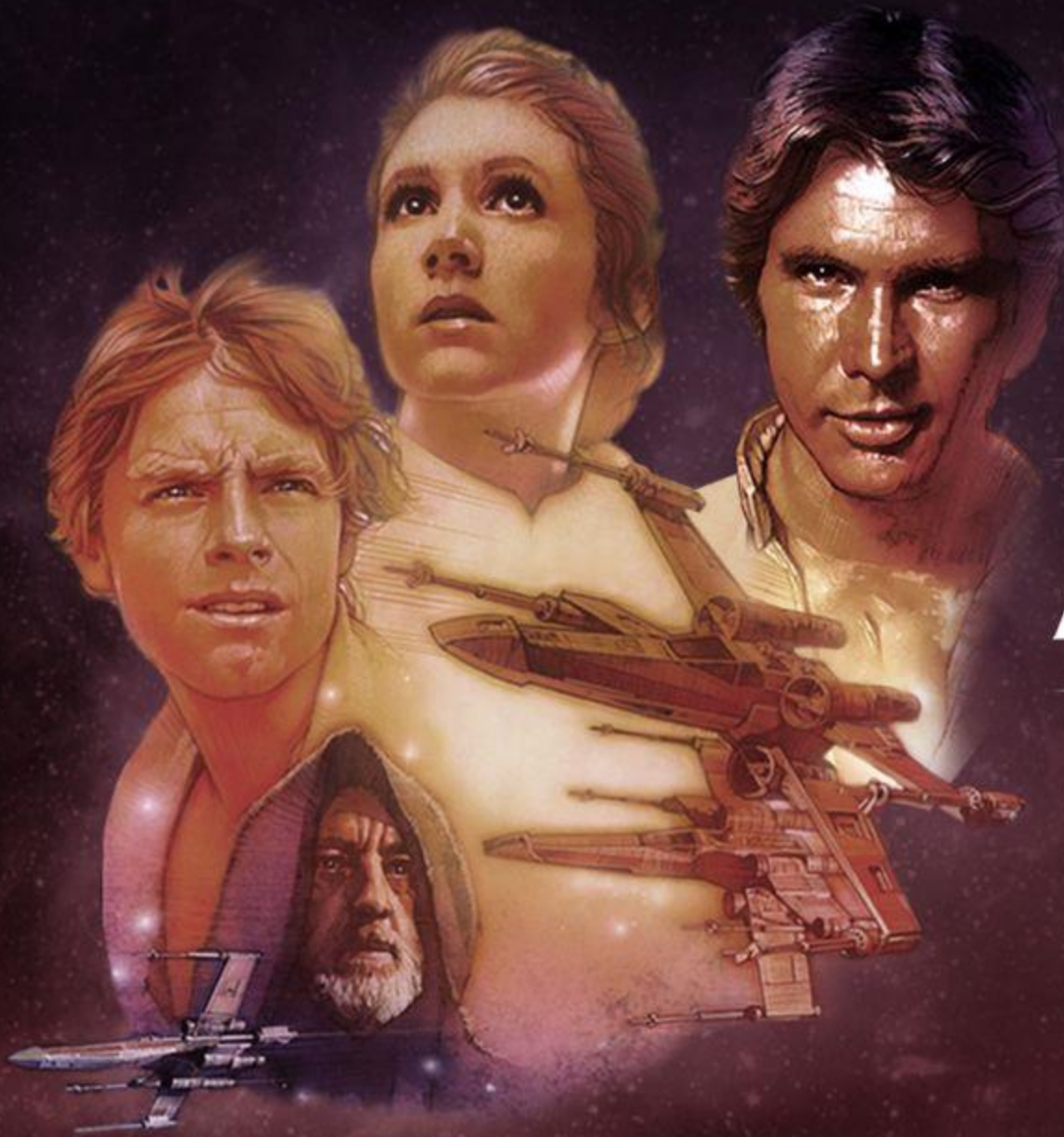


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Living in a Chaotic World

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Anagennao: Ana – again + Gennao - born



The Necessity of the New Birth

“Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.”

John 3:3



Four Phrases That Pertain to “Born Again/New Birth”

- ACCORDING to His Great Mercy
- INTO a Living Hope
- THROUGH the Resurrection of Jesus Christ
- INTO a Perfect Inheritance



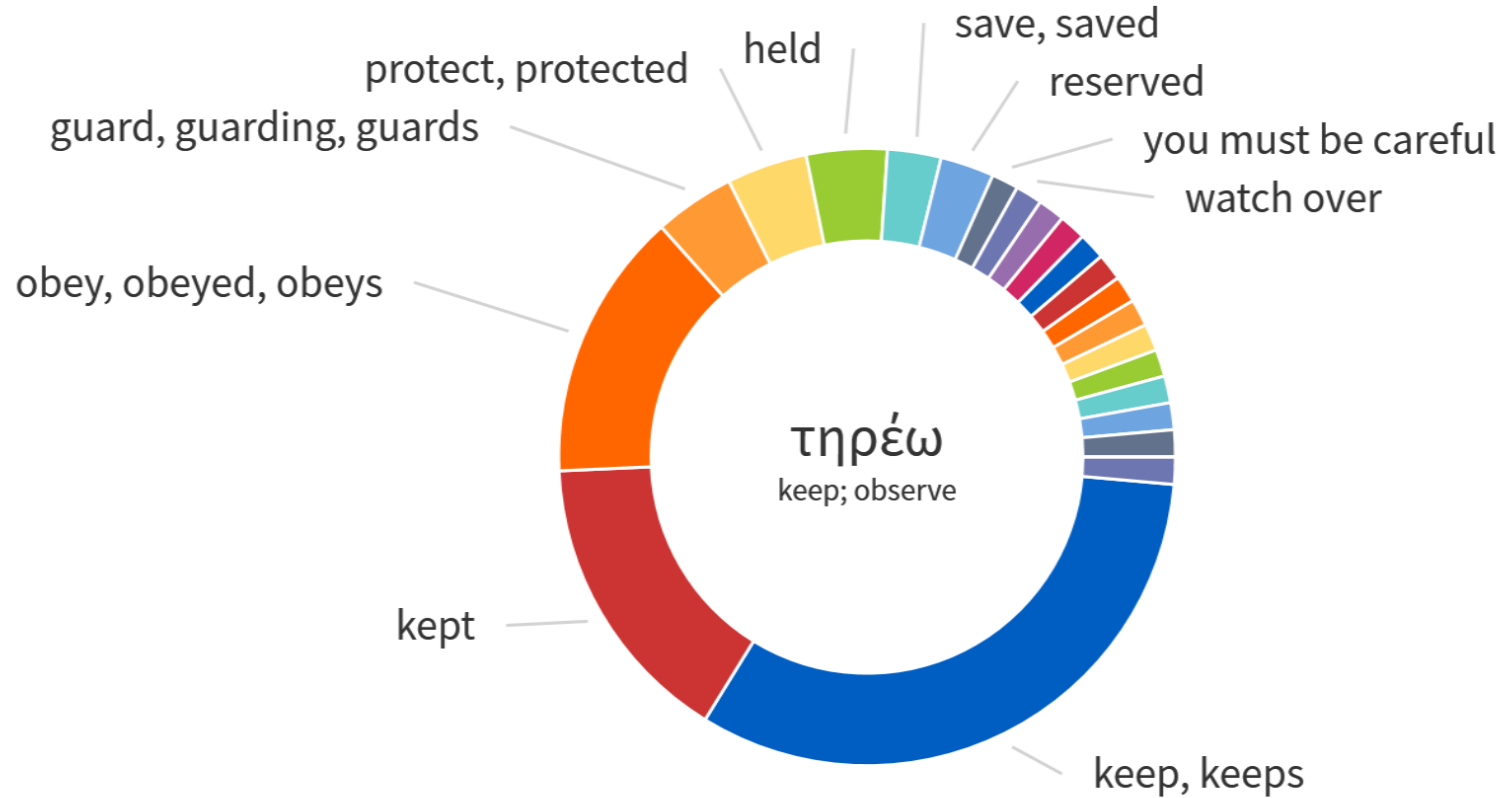
Born Again

“Becoming a Christian means that what God did for Jesus at Easter he does for you, in the very depth of your being.”

N.T. Wright, “The Early Christian Letters for Everyone: James, Peter, John, and Judah”



“Kept in heaven” - tereo



Perfect – started in past with on-going results
Passive – done by God

Shielded by God's Power

“God will protect them not like a guard watching prisoners who will in the end be condemned when the judge gives his verdict, but like a soldier guiding and protecting people as they move through hostile territory toward the freedom of friendly lines.”

Peter Davids, “The New International Commentary on the NT: 1 Peter”



Gold Refining



Rejoicing in Trials

“Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.”

James 1:2-3



Futuristic Present Tense

“The present tense may be used to describe a future event, though it typically adds the connotations of immediacy and certainty. [It can also be] an event begun in the present time but completed in the future. (Example: John 4:23 “An hour is coming and is now here.”)”

Daniel Wallace, “Greek Grammar: Beyond the Basics”



The Lord deals in futures!



The Lord Deals in Futures!

With the Market

“The performance data demonstrated represents past performance and is no guarantee of future results.”

With God

“The performance data demonstrated represents past performance and is a guarantee of future results.”

Bob Japenga

Prophesying More Than One Knows

“I heard, but I did not understand. So I asked, “My lord, what will the outcome of all this be?” He replied, “Go your way, Daniel, because the words are rolled up and sealed until the time of the end. Many will be purified, made spotless and refined, but the wicked will continue to be wicked. None of the wicked will understand, but those who are wise will understand.”

Daniel 12:8-10

Share the Good News!

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

John 3:16



Angel's Longing

“According to some Jewish traditions, some secrets were so important that God kept them even from angels until the end time; in other traditions, angels respected rabbis’ esoteric teachings and came to their lectures to listen; in still other traditions, angels envied Israel, who received God’s law.”

Craig Keener, “IVP Bible Background Commentary: NT”



The Believer's Benefits Package

- Complete forgiveness of sin
- Made a son/daughter of Father God
- Given an eternal, living hope
- Given a perfect, inexhaustible inheritance
- 24/7, lifelong protection from God
- Limitless joy regardless of circumstances
- Constant, intimate companionship with God
- Participation in heavenly glory now and forever
- Privileged access to divine mysteries



A New Hope

We can find hope in our present trials because our salvation is secure (vv.3-5), tested (vv.6-9), and privileged (vv.10-12).

