



In an imperfect world came...

The Perfecting Birth



The All-Perfecting Birth

Sunday 11th December 2022

Foundation Scripture:

Titus 2:11-13 (Legacy Standard Bible - LSB): “For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, instructing us that, denying ungodliness and worldly desires, we should live sensibly, righteously, and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ,”

The grace of God has appeared and brought salvation to all men!

Introduction

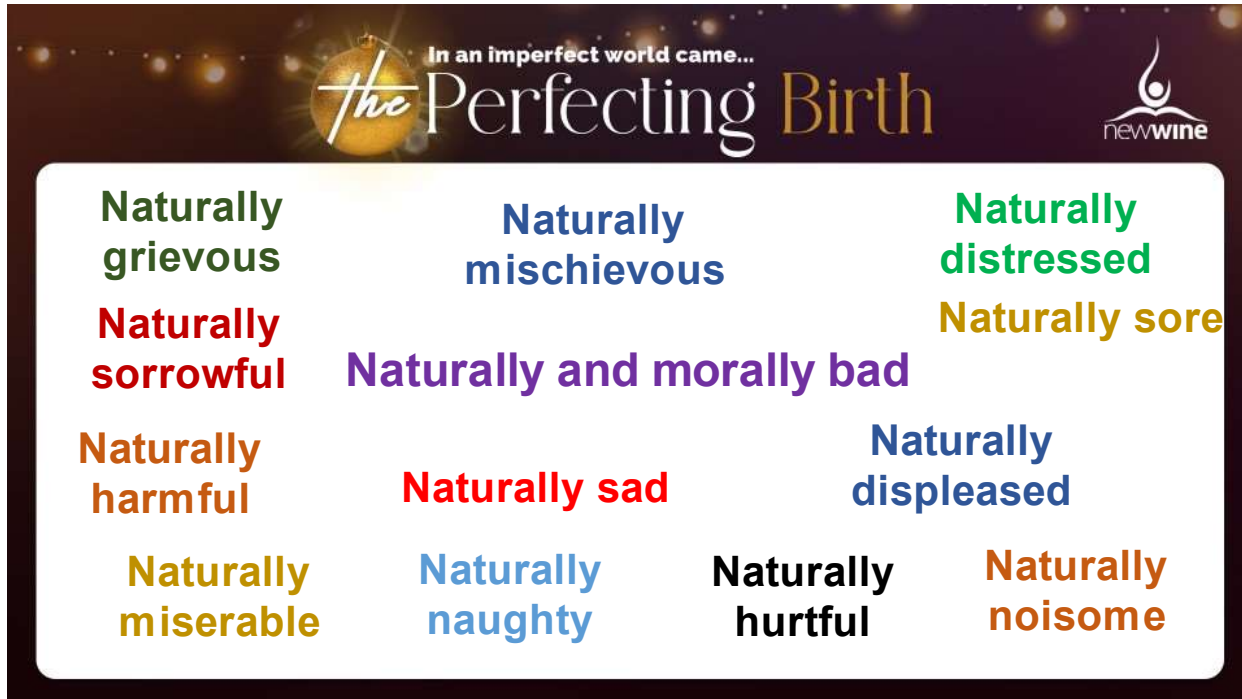
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Grace is God’s gift to us that keeps working in us to produce a life of glorious hope.

The Imperfect State of Man

Man qua man, (man as being man) in his nature, as he is, has always been and will always be in a state of imperfection (see **Genesis 8:21**).

The below infographic captures the various meanings of the word evil (or wicked) in **Colossians 1:28**:



This is the natural state of the heart of man.

Man, was created in the image of God and according to God’s likeness, meaning man was meant to enjoy the nature and life of God by being the expression of God.

Man is now in a state of imperfection because he is a product of an imperfect world.

However, it is into this imperfect world in which you and I live, that the ***all-perfecting birth*** came into!

The Grace of God

Titus 2:11 says: “For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men,”

The grace of God is the person that Simon saw and held up as the salvation that would be:

1. Light to the Gentiles! An imperfect world is a dark world! The ***all-perfecting birth*** is God’s gift of light to the blinded ones in this world system.
2. Glory of the people of God!
 - a. Glory in the life of God’s people is only as a result of God’s grace.

- b. Grace produces glory. It must also teach you to deny ungodliness and worldly lusts.
- c. For the people of God, the ***all-perfecting birth*** is God's gift of grace to work its grace into us continually.

We cannot embrace the gift of Christmas, which is Christ, without doing away with ungodly things.

Our responsibility is to have a personal experience of God's grace.

Do You Know Him?

Philippians 3:10 says: "that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,"

Fellowship is union, oneness.

Also, **Galatians 2:20** teaches us that we have been crucified with Christ. If you are not willing for 'self' to be crucified, this means that you do not know Him.

Reflect on this: Do you know Him, and do you know Him enough to be regulated by Him?

If you don't, then it is time to receive the Gift of Jesus, and ensure that you know Him.

"Christmas is calling us to a time where we can know Him." – Pastor Kola Taiwo, New Wine Church Woolwich.

Lastly...

Be encouraged to live sensibly, righteously, and godly in the present age, as you embrace '*The All-Perfecting Birth*'.