

Lesson 35 **The Ramifications of Regeneration**

“...he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit,...” Titus 3:5

"The embrace of Christ in faith is the first evidence of regeneration and only thus may we know that we have been regenerated." - John Murray.

“Spiritual life is the consequence of spiritual quickening. The baby cries because it is born; it is not born because it cries.” - Erroll Hulse

"Just as in the beginning 'God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light' so, at the moment He appointed for our new birth, he said, 'Let there be life' and there was life." - J.A. Motyer

"It is not your hold of Christ that saves, but his hold of you! ...none take Jehovah to be their God till he takes them to be his people... You may be quite certain that if you love God it is a fruit, not a root." - C.H. Spurgeon

“The new life is not imparted because man perceives the truth, but he perceives the truth because the new life is imparted. A man is not regenerated because he has first believed in Christ, but he believes in Christ because he has been regenerated.” - W. T. Shedd

“If you are never born again, you will wish you had never been born at all.” - J. C. Ryle

“Teaching theology to a heathen will not bring him to faith in Christ. He may learn the evangelical vocabulary and verbally affirm the truth. He may accept the truth of a list of gospel facts. But without a divine miracle to open his blind eyes and give him a new heart, he will only be a theologically informed pagan, not a Christian.” – John MacArthur

"The grace of God has no charms for men till the Holy Spirit gives them a taste for it." - John Calvin

"The ministry of the Word is the pipe or organ; the Spirit of God blowing in it, effectually changes men's hearts... Ministers knock at the door of men's hearts; the Spirit comes with a key and opens the door." - Thomas Watson

"To make human action the cause of divine blessing is to overturn the whole nature of salvation."
- Iain Murray

Review Lesson 34 and the need we all have for the utter renovation of our soul through regeneration...What is the definition of regeneration?.....Who is the ultimate author of regeneration?

After the Holy Spirit renovates our souls through the wondrous washing of regeneration, what happens next? How does regeneration, or being born again, affect man afterwards? What are the ramifications of regeneration?

1. In the previous lesson, we looked at man is depraved in all his members, including his heart, mind, eyes, lips, and will. In response to this sin nature, how deep or extensive is the impact of regeneration? Jn 5:24; Rom 6:5-14; 2 Cor 5:16-17; Col 1:13-14

2. Does the gospel change a part of man, or the whole man?

3. How does regeneration change man's:

- Heart - Ezek 11:19; 36:26

- A heart which loves wickedness is replaced with a heart whose affections and desires are freed to love God and his ways. Ps 27:4; 40:6-8; 42:1-2; Mt 5:3-8; Jn 3:21; 2 Cor 5:16-17; 1 Pet 1:8; Eph 4:23-24; Col 3:1-4,10

- Mind - Acts 26:18; 2 Cor 4:4-6; Eph 1:18-19

- A mind bent on the flesh is replaced with a mind driven by what, or who?
Rom: 8:5-9; 1 Cor 2:14-16

- Lips - Prov 12:18; 1 Pet 3:9-10; Col 4:6

- Speech once used for cursing the Lord and others is transformed into a gift of grace which commends us in Christ and puts opponents of Christ to shame.
2 Cor 8:6-7; Titus 2:7-8

- Will - Ps 40:8; Matt 6:10; Rom 12:2

- The will of man is changed from one which pursues its own desires to one which delights in and is able to discern the will of God. Eph 5:17
- A regenerated man's will submits to the Father's will, regardless of the circumstances, as Christ submitted to the Father in the garden of Gethsemane. Matt 26:39

4. What are other members of our body that are transformed by regeneration? Defend your answer from scripture.

5. Explain the massive difference of someone hearing the gospel and learning how to be nice versus someone believing in the gospel and being made new. (2 Cor 5:16-17)

6. What does the Spirit use in regeneration (James 1:18; 1 Pet 1:23-25; 2 Thess 2:14) and how does that understanding change the way we evangelize and minister? Rom 10:14-17

7. How does this amazing truth about sovereign regeneration impact your training to godliness? 1 Tim 4:7

8. In what specific ways does this reality of the radical renovation of the soul through the gospel encourage you in your fight against sin? Jn 5:24; Rom 5:5-14; 2 Cor 5:16-17; Col 1:13-14; 3:1-4, 5, 10; Gal 5:16; Eph 4:20-24

"Run, John, run. The law commands but gives neither feet nor hands. Better news the gospel brings; it bids me fly and gives me wings." - John Bunyan