



Regeneration

Regeneration: We are no longer _____.

“Regeneration is God’s gracious act of giving new life to those who were spiritually dead.” (Thomas Schreiner, *Salvation*)

Why do we need to be regenerated?

- God warned Adam and Eve that in the day they ate of the tree of the knowledge and good and evil they would _____ (Genesis 2:15-17, 3:4, 3:7).
- The New Testament explains that Adam’s trespass brought _____ into the world, and sin brought _____ into the world, and death spread to _____ men because all sinned (Romans 5:12 ... Romans 6:23, Ephesians 2:1, 2 Thessalonians 1:9).
- The Old Testament promised a day when God would give _____ and _____ to his people (Jeremiah 24:7, 31:31-34, Ezekiel 36:22-32, 37:1-14).

- According to Jesus, a person cannot see the kingdom of God unless they are _____
_____ (John 3:1-8 ... John 6:65, Romans 8:8).

“How can a person who is dead in trespasses and sins, whose mind is enmity against God, and who cannot do that which is well-pleasing to God answer a call to the fellowship of Christ? ... And how can a person whose heart is depraved and whose mind is enmity against God embrace him who is the supreme manifestation of the glory of God?” (John Murray, *Redemption Accomplished and Applied*)

How does God regenerate us?

- The Father must _____ our regeneration (John 1:12-13, 2 Corinthians 5:17, Ephesians 2:4-5, Titus 3:5-7, James 1:18, 1 Peter 1:3-5).

“We are as dependent upon the Holy Spirit as we are upon the action of our parents in connection with our natural birth. We were not begotten by our father because we decided to be. And we were not born of our mother because we decided to be. We were simply begotten and we were born. We did not decide to be born ... The wind is not at our beck and call; neither is the regenerative operation of the Spirit” (John Murray, *Redemption Accomplished and Applied*)

- The Spirit must give us _____ (John 3:1-8, 2 Corinthians 3:6).
 - Our _____ does not result in regeneration.
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- The Holy Spirit grants regeneration through the preaching of God’s _____ (Romans 10:17, James 1:18, 1 Peter 1:3-5).

How should the truth about regeneration change us as the people of God?

- _____ – if you’ve been saved from spiritual death, you should be _____.
- _____ – when God brings you to life, he wants you to grow _____.
- _____ – we _____ to share the Word, but _____ God can give spiritual life.
- _____ – our programs must be Spirit dependent, not _____ dependent.