

**Series: The Doctrine of Salvation (1/24/18)**

**Title: Regeneration**

**Text: (Titus 3:5)**

Why Study this?

Salvation is misunderstood.

Satan has provided his many counterfeits.

Modern Christianity, in its desire to be inclusive, has made it more palatable to the Flesh,  
By Excluding Repentance.  
Adding Works to assist in it, or evidence it.  
A Person Must understand they are LOST, w/o Hope before they can ever be truly saved.  
Child-like faith, is people taking God at His word, That they are lost.  
That They need a savior.  
This is evidenced by their willingness to Repent & Receive Christ.

***Why should Born Again People Study this?***

We're God's Ambassadors to the lost world (2Co5:20)  
We are God's Apologists to the Critics & Charlatans.  
(Phil 1:7,17) *Defence & Confirmation of the gospel,*  
Defend it & Prove It!

***Salvation is a broad term that includes the doctrines Of Justification, Regeneration, Adoption, Imputation, Sanctification, Reconciliation, Propitiation, & Grace.***

Last week we discussed Justification: *just-if-ied...*

To be pronounced righteous.

The Legal and Judicial Act where God declares the believer righteous in Jesus Christ.

Not Just the removal of the believers guilt, but the imputation of Christ's Righteousness in it's place.

**Regeneration:**

**A. Definition:** Be Given or imparted life.

**Regeneration is to Be Given or imparted life.**

When we are born again, we Receive The life & Nature of the Lord Jesus Christ.

**B. Where found in the Bible:** 2 bible refs.  
(Matt 19:28) *And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the **regeneration** when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.*  
***The restoration of the earth @ 2nd coming of Christ.***

(Titus 3:5) *Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of **regeneration**, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;*

***The Renewing & The Rebirth of the believer.***

### **C. The need for regeneration:**

Since the Fall of Adam, (Genesis 3), every human being, except Jesus, has been born spiritually dead in trespasses and sins. (Eph 2:1)

Lost people are unaware of this.

They think Behavior defines them.

They think Behavior sets their Identity.

***Truth: Our behavior is a result of our Nature.***

What WE Are!

Steal b/c we are a thief, Lie b/c we are a liar.

No amount of Education/social programs will fix this.

***We have inherited the sin nature of Adam.***

(Rom 5:12) *Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:*

***(Rom 5:12-21) is a great study to further explain this in detail.***

(1 Cor 15:21-22) *For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive*

***The OT Prophet Jeremiah confirms this.***

(Jer 13:23) *Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? then may ye also do good, that are accustomed to do evil.*

***We need the new nature of Righteousness to have fellowship with a Righteous God.***

(Eph 2:47) *But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.*

***To correct this condition, Every person must be born the second time, in Christ Jesus.***

***This is what Jesus Confronted Nicodemus about.***

(John 3:3,5-6) *Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.*

### **D. The method of Regeneration:**

A Person becomes Regenerated when he hears the Gospel, Repents, & By Faith, Receives Jesus Christ as His personal Savior.

(John 1:12-13) *But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.*

**God Explains it further in our Text verse (Titus 3:5)**

*Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, [HOW?] by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;*

*(Eph 1:13) In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,*

*(1 Pet 1:23) Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.*

*(Rom 8:14-16) - (1 John 3:1-2)*

***A Christian is Spiritually Begotten.***

*(1 Pet 1:3) Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,*

***The Medium of the new birth is the Resurrection of Christ.***

Our spirit is instantly reborn in Christ

This is a Spiritual Birth.

After the Spiritual Birth, we are no longer in Adam, but we Are in Christ. (Rom 8:1-6)

***Regeneration enables the believer to call upon God as his Father, & upon the Lord Jesus Christ as his elder brother.*** (Rom 8:15-17)

*(Gal 4:6) And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.*

***Christ is not ashamed to call us His brethren.***  
(Heb 2:10-12)

Regeneration makes the believer a NEW CREATURE. because we have received a new nature. (2 COR 5:17)

A New Nature that is right with God.

This is why things should change.

*(Gal 6:15) For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature.*

***The New nature is the nature of Christ, and carries with it all the moral attributes of Christ.***

*(Rom 6:8) Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him:*

***We are dead to the old sin nature.***

*(Rom 8:9) But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.*

***This is a result of becoming a new creature.***

***We now have the Spirit of Christ.***

*(1 Cor 1:30) But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:*

***We have the wisdom, & fullness of Christ.***

*(Gal 2:20) I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.  
**We have Christ's very own nature.***

***We are created in Christ Jesus unto Good works.***

*(Eph 2:10) For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.*

***Because we have His nature, we do the good works.***

***We have a divine nature of Holiness***

*(2 Pet 1:4) Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.*

***The Divine Nature is in every way possible, contrary to our Adamic nature that we have.***

*(Rom 6:7-8) For he that is dead is freed from sin. Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him:*

Rom 6 explains the Ideal, that we should serve God and not the flesh.

Rom 7 is the Practical Struggle in the flesh.

Rom 8 is the Hope, in spite of our weakness and many failures, we are not condemned because we are in Christ.

***We have lists of the Works of the flesh and the Fruits of the Spirit.*** (Gal 5:16-26)

Paul describes what the Flesh manifests, and what the Holy Spirit manifests in the believer as we allow Him too.

***We are commanded to put on Christ & follow Christ***

*(Col 3:9-10) Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:*

In the book of Acts, the opposition to the gospel could tell that the disciples had been with Christ, because they were Christ-like. (Acts 4:13)

***We are no longer to live for ourselves but to live for Christ.***

(2 Cor 5:15) *And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.*

***God's love for us Constrains us to live for Him.***

***God should be in on every decision we make.***

(2 Cor 5:14-15) *For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: 15 And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.*

***And for His pleasure every decision made.***

(2 Cor 7:1) *Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.*

(Gal 5:16) *This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.*

Every Christian is to grow in his new nature, because we now have the power over our flesh.

We have the power to choose not to serve sin, but serve righteousness.

(Rom 13:14) *But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.*

Not making provision for the flesh, but walking in the Spirit, every waking hour, then we would not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

***We are to be growing as a result of our new nature.***

(1 Pet 2:2) *As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:*

(2 Pet 3:18) *But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.*

**E. The permanence of Regeneration**

***How long does it last? For ever. It is Eternal Life.***

(John 3:15-16) *That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

(John 5:24) *Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.*

***Adam brought death, Jesus brought Eternal Life.***

(John 6:40) *And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.*

(Rom 6:22) *But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.*

(1 John 2:25) *And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life.*

(1 John 5:11-13) *And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.*

***The Father and Child relationship, God and the redeemed child cannot be broken.***

***It's Permanent. You are in the Father's hand.***

(John 10:28-30) *And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. I and my Father are one.*

Sin breaks fellowship with God, but does not break our relationship.

***He will not cast us out for any reason.***

(John 6:37) *All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.*

***We cannot break God's seal and pull ourselves out of God's hand.***

B/c of (1 Jn 1:9) the fellowship is instantly restored.

***We cannot be separated from the Father.***

(Rom 8:34-39) *Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

***this is how the Father can say...I will never leave you nor forsake you.***

***Regeneration is to Be Given or imparted life.***

We receive, when born again, The life & Nature of the Lord Jesus Christ.

***This is why things have changed in your life.***

Not be the co-ercion of an overbearing pastor.

Not be the peer pressure of other Christians.

Not by the re-training of your life.

But the NEW LIFE of “CHRIST IN YOU!”

Are you Regenerated?

Are you Born Again?

How were you Born Again? Works/Faith

When were you Born Again?