



Section 4: Concerning Salvation/Regeneration

Question 6: What is regeneration?

Answer 6: Regeneration is the creative work done by God the Holy Spirit, at the moment of belief, that the Bible calls being "born again."

Memory Verse: **John 1:13**
Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

Support Verses: **John 3:6**
That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

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;

2 Corinthians 5:17
Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

Ephesians 2:1
And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;

Hebrews 10:34
But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.

Discussion Points:

1. Define Regeneration:

- According to Webster's 1828, "regeneration" is, "1. Reproduction; the act of producing anew. 2. In theology, new birth by the grace of God; that change by which the will and natural enmity of man to God and his law are subdued, and a principle of supreme love to God and his law, or holy affections, are implanted in the heart."
- Regeneration, which is translated from the Greek word "paliggenesia" means "a spiritual rebirth, or to be generated again"
- It is completely the work of God in the believer.
- As much as you had no part in your first, physical "generation," but were completely reliant on the process of procreation instituted by God, so too, you have no part in second "generation" or "regeneration," but are completely at the mercy of God's work in you.



2. What happens at the moment of regeneration?

- The question is important because it implies the instantaneous nature of regeneration.
- You do not grow into the new birth.
- You do not undergo a process that eventually becomes the new birth.
- But, rather, you are instantaneously "born again" or "regenerated" by God the moment you believe.
- It is a two fold moral change that affects the standing of the soul, and the function of the spirit before God.
- It is the work of God whereby we become a "new creature" Christ.
- Regeneration, being synonymous in scripture with being "born again" speaks volumes to the nature of the act as it relates to man's ability in salvation.
- Just as you were declare born at a moment in time, so too, you are regenerated or born again at moment in time.
- Is there a moment in time that you can point to when the work of God in regeneration took place in your life?
- We must be adamant about this point in our efforts in evangelism.
- We must insist that the Gospel demands a moment of belief! (1 Corinthians 15:1)

Notes:

Psalms, Hymns, Spiritual Songs:

- "Why Do I Sing About Jesus?" (Hymn #249 - Rejoice Hymns)
- "O Happy Day" (Hymn #547 - Rejoice Hymns)