

Lesson 22 - Regeneration
The New Birth

1. Regeneration, from Latin and Greek, means NEW BIRTH. John 1:12&13
2. To receive the NEW BIRTH a person must be CONVERTED. To REPENT of sin and place FAITH in Jesus Christ for eternal life. Ephesians 2:8
3. REGENERATION is a REBIRTH, an ACT OF GOD in the HEART of man. John 1:13; 3:3
4. A man cannot PERFORM any works that will save himself. Titus 3:4-6
5. The new birth is an INSTANTANEOUS experience. It is not a PROCESS. The new birth happens the moment the Lord Jesus comes into your life by the power of His Holy Spirit. John 3:6
6. Sometimes THE PROCESS leading to salvation is a long process but when it finally happens the new birth happens IMMEDIATELY.
7. The new birth is not a SUGGESTION, it is an ABSOLUTE NECESSITY. John 3:7
8. The new birth is an absolute necessity because of the SINFUL NATURE of man. Psalm 51:5; Romans 3:23; and Ephesians 2:3
9. The new birth is a CLEANSING work. Ephesians 5:26
10. Often in scripture WATER stands for the WORD OF GOD. Ephesians 5:26; 1 Peter 1:23; John 15:3
11. The new birth is the GIFT OF GOD. Ephesians 2:1-9
12. The new birth is not REFORMATION, it is a NEW CREATION. 2 Corinthians 5:17; Ephesians 2:10
13. REGENERATION is the work of the TRINITY.
14. GOD THE FATHER brings about the new birth as AN ACT OF HIS WILL. John 1:13; 1 John 3:1
15. JESUS CHRIST gave His life to offer us NEW BIRTH. John 3:14-18; 12:32&33
16. The HOLY SPIRIT is also active in regeneration as the one who CONVICTS OF SIN and the one who reveals Christ to us as the One who will meet our need of new birth. John 16:7-15
17. The Holy Spirit also CLEANSSES, RENEWS and makes us SPIRITUALLY ALIVE. Titus 3:5; Ephesians 2:1; John 3:8
18. Our regeneration is the work of the TRINITY, not the works of man.

19. There are EVIDENCES of regeneration.
 - A. We have the WITNESS IN OURSELF. 1 John 5:6-10; Romans 8:16
 - B. We OBEY HIS COMMANDS. 1 John 3:21-24
 - C. We LOVE THE BRETHREN. 1 John 3:14
 - D. We OVERCOME the world. 1 John 5:4&5
 - E. We are LED BY THE SPIRIT. Romans 8:14
20. When a person is REGENERATED it changes our NATURE, THOUGHTS and ACTIONS.
2 Cor. 5:17; 2 Peter 1:4
21. Regeneration places us in the HOUSEHOLD OF GOD. Ephesians 2:19
22. Regeneration gives us NEW LIFE in Christ. 1 John 5:12
23. Regeneration makes us NEW CREATIONS in Christ. 2 Cor. 5:17
24. Regeneration gives us a NEW MIND. Philippians 2:5
25. Regeneration gives us THE BLESSED HOPE that we will be with Christ one day. 2 Cor. 5:6-8

Conclusion

The sinner (unredeemed) receives the pardon of his guilt on the ground of the priestly sacrifice of Christ on the cross. In this he is renewed (Titus 3:5), transformed (1 Corinthians 6:11), made alive (Ephesians 2:5), and born of God (1 John 5:1). Regeneration is the real entrance into his redemption (Titus 3:5).

Jesus was God who “took upon Himself the likeness of man” that He might impart His life to all who accept Him -- which is a mystery -- “which is Christ in you, the hope of glory” (Colossians 1:27). Only by Regeneration do we become “new” men (Colossians 3:10), and members of His Body.

Regeneration is the divine side of man’s salvation. Conversion is twofold: repentance and faith. Conversion is the human side of man’s salvation.

The new birth is a necessity to inherit eternal life. Reformation, good intentions will not save. Only faith in the blood of Jesus, our Lord.

Regeneration, the new birth, is so easy to understand. A child can comprehend and accept it, while a learned Nicodemus will ask foolish questions. The amazing thing is the answers Jesus gave -- not so much the questions asked (John 3).

Do you have the marks of Regeneration in your life?