

Regeneration with its Attendants: Repentance & Faith

Homework Assignment

1. Read **John 3:1-8**
2. Read **Psalms 116:1-8**

Lesson Outline

I. Regeneration

i. Denotes a Great Change

1. Webster's definition – the act of becoming formed again
2. "Born again" – **John 3:3**
3. "Born of the spirit" – **John 3:5**
4. "Born of God" – **John 1:13**
5. "Created in Christ Jesus" – **Ephesians 2:10**
6. "Quickened together with Christ" – **Ephesians 2:5**
7. "A new creature" – **II Corinthians 5:17**
8. "Renewed after the image of Him that created him" – **Colossians 3:10**
9. "Dead unto sin,.....alive unto God" – **Romans 6:11**

ii. The Nature of Regeneration

1. A spiritual change
 - a. produced by the spirit of God
 - b. takes place in the spirit of the person
2. Changes the disposition of the heart
 - a. controlling the exercise of the affections
 - b. controls the choice of the will
 - c. "darkness to light" – **Ephesians 5:8**
 - d. deposits love in the heart – **I John 4:7**
 - e. formerly dead – **Ephesians 2:1**; now alive – **Ephesians 2:5**

iii. The Necessity of Regeneration

1. depravity renders regeneration necessary
2. man must be changed – **Ephesians 4:18-19**
3. necessary to be children of God – **John 1:13**
4. "Ye must be born again" – **John 3:7**

iv. The Agent of Regeneration

1. The Holy Spirit
 - a. "It is the spirit that quickeneth" – **John 6:63**
 - b. "written with the Spirit..... in the heart" – **II Corinthians 3:3**

2. A spiritual operation by God Himself
 - a. **Ezekiel 36:26**
- v. The Means of Regeneration
 1. The Word of God
 - a. “begotten you through the Gospel” – **I Corinthians 4:15**
 - b. “begat He us with the Word of Truth” – **James 1:18**
 - c. “born again, by the Word of God” – **I Peter 1:23**
 2. Harmony requires the Holy Spirit as agent and the Word of God as the instrument used
- vi. How is Regeneration Accomplished?
 1. We cannot understand
 - a. **John 3:8**
 - b. **Deuteronomy 29:29**
 2. To be born is an everlasting calamity unless we are born again

II. Repentance

- i. An Important Biblical Theme
 1. John the Baptist preached it – **Matthew 3:1-2**
 2. Jesus preached it – **Mark 1:15**
 3. Apostles preached it – **Mark 6:12, Acts 2:38, Acts 3:19**
 4. Paul preached it – **Acts 17:30, Acts 20:21**
- ii. Greek work – metanoeo
 1. After-thought (2nd thought following sin)
 2. Change of mind/heart
 3. Repentance applies to the mind/heart, not life
 - a. reformation follows repentance
 - b. “fruits meet for repentance”
- iii. A Consciousness of Personal Sin
 1. “Personal” in that you can not repent for another’s sin
 2. A sense of sin that pervades the soul
 - a. conviction
 - b. **John 16:7-9**
- iv. Recognize That Sin is an Inexcusable Evil Committed Against God
 1. **Psalms 51:4**
 2. Not merely a misfortune, but a crime
 3. A deep sense of shame is the result
- v. Hatred of Sin
 1. Both corrupt nature and actual sins
 2. Self-loathing

vi. Sorrow for Sin

1. **Mathew 11:20-21**
2. **II Corinthians 7:10**
3. **Psalms 51:17**

vii. A Purpose to Forsake Sin

1. Naturally following iii thru vi above
2. Without this you have not fulfilled “hatred of” and “sorrow for”

III. Faith

i. There is a Faith That Does Not Save

1. “can faith save him?” – **James 2:14**
 - a. a dead faith cannot save
 - b. a living faith leads to action (works)
2. “the devils also believe” – **James 2:19**
 - a. theirs is a dead faith (mental agreement)
3. “for a while believe” – **Luke 8:13**
4. “believe to the saving of the soul” – **Hebrews 10:39**

ii. Saving Faith

1. **John 3:14-18 & John 11:25-26**
 - a. believe in Jesus Christ
 - b. trust
 - c. as personal an act as dying

IV. Faith and Repentance

i. **Acts 20:21**

1. Repentance toward God
2. Faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ

ii. Simultaneous and Inseparable

1. No regenerated unbelievers
 - a. No unregenerated believers