

“THIS I KNOW!”

Part 3: “Regeneration: New Creations in Christ!”



John 1:12-13, 3:1-8, 4:10-14; Ezekiel 36:25-27; Titus 3:5-6; II Corinthians 5:17

Introduction: **John 3:1-8** – “Unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God!” (vs. 3).

John 3:9-19: “Whoever believes in Him (God’s Son) is not condemned, but whoever does NOT believe is condemned already” (vs. 18).

Matthew 7:13-14: “The gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction ... the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life !”

John 10:7-9: “I am the door. If anyone enters by me he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture” (vs. 9).

John 14:6: “I am the Way and the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through Me!”

I John 5:10-13: “I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may KNOW that you have eternal life” (vs. 13).

The ONLY people who will live in God’s presence forever are those whom God has chosen, whom He has effectually called and regenerated by His Spirit!

Only the regenerating power of the Holy Spirit can produce spiritual life in those whom God effectually calls.

I. The NEED for “regeneration” ...

“Something” needs to happen to a person BEFORE they can or will see or enter God’s kingdom!

Titus 3:3: “For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures ...”

Ephesians 2:1-3; Romans 3:23, 6:23: “ ALL have sinned and fall short of the glory of God! ... The wages of sin is death !”

We are all sinners by birth and sinners by choice and we cannot change our own hearts because we will not !

II. The SOURCE of “regeneration” ...

You cannot will yourself to be born again! There must be a change inside of you BEFORE you will choose to believe in Jesus.

John 3:5-8: “Unless one is born of water ‘and’ the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God!” (vs. 5).

John 4:10-14, 7:37-39: “The water that I give him will become in him a spring ...” ... “This He said about the Spirit ...”

Ezekiel 36:25-27: “And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit ... I will put MY Spirit within you” (vss. 26-27).

John 1:12-13: “To all who did receive Him ... He gave the right to become children of God, who were born ... of God !”

Titus 3:4-7: “ ... He saved us ... by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit ...” (vs. 5).

God chooses some, effectually calls each of them and regenerates every one of these by His Spirit.

Many who believe continue to struggle with their identity because they do not understand that they are now new creations in Christ!

God reveals these steps in His plan of salvation so that those who have been chosen, called and regenerated will humbly give thanks and realize the great privilege of being His chosen and called children!

Where the Spirit of God has produced new life there is humility that leads to true repentance and faith.

The mark of the true believer is the desire to please our Lord Jesus Christ in all we do.

Galatians 5:16-24: “Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires” (vs. 24; see Romans 8:9-11).

III. The RESULT of “regeneration” ...

If by an act of your own “free will” you chose to believe in Jesus you can never be sure that you will not turn away by an act of that same will!

John 1:12-13; I Corinthians 12:3,13 ... EVERY person who has been born again, regenerated by the Spirit, will confess Jesus Christ as Lord and recognize His one Body, the Church !