

**Regeneration**  
**Congregational Worksheet – Wednesday, May 7, 2008**

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Last time we were together we talked about the Basics of Soteriology, or salvation.

What are some things we learned?

1. We learned that Soteriology is the study of \_\_\_\_\_.
2. We learned that in order to be saved one must \_\_\_\_\_ that he has sinned or broken God's laws, repent of what he has done and have faith that God will save him.
3. We learned that repentance involves the mind, emotions, and the will.
4. We learned that these three are affected through \_\_\_\_\_ which comes from the Holy Ghost and brings us to confession of sin, \_\_\_\_\_ of sin, and turning to God.
5. We learned that when we are saved **4** things take place as we are brought into our new life in Christ and they are...
  - A. \_\_\_\_\_: = Change in nature.
  - B. \_\_\_\_\_: = Change in standing with God.
  - C. \_\_\_\_\_: = Change in position with God.
  - D. \_\_\_\_\_: = Change in character or conduct.

Tonight I want us to take a closer look at letter A (regeneration) under point number 5.

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**Part #1 Regeneration**

**I. Regeneration: A Change in Nature.**

**R. A. Torrey said, "The doctrine of the new birth is one of the most precious and inspiring in the Word of God."**

**What is Regeneration?** It is a change in our \_\_\_\_\_. It is also said to be the impartation of \_\_\_\_\_, and that life is divine life in the spirit.

**2Corinthians 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.

Ezekiel 36:24-27 For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land.

25 Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and

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from all your idols, will I cleanse you.

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27 **And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do *them*.**

2Peter 1:3-4 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that *pertain* unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

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.**

We learned last time that when you generate something you “bring it into  
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We know that we were born into Adam or in sin so we must be born again or  
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This leaves us born into Adam by generation, but we need to be born in Christ by Re-generation.

**When does Regeneration occur?** It occurs when we \_\_\_\_\_ and  
(turn away) of our sins.

So what does regeneration do to us as an individual? How are we different? What changes?

Lets take a quick look at what man is made of.

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Man is a tri-unity which means he possesses...

1. \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_ Influence.

2. \_\_\_\_\_ = The \_\_\_\_\_ You.

3. \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_ Influence.

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Dr. Scofield said that the body makes man \_\_\_\_\_ conscious, the soul gives man conscious, and the spirit makes man \_\_\_\_\_ conscious.

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

That word quickened means “\_\_\_\_\_.”

Our spirit was dead before regeneration but made alive after regeneration.

Our spirit, being brought to life, is the part of us that makes regeneration \_\_\_\_\_.

## II. Regeneration: A Revived Spirit.

Our soul is who we really are. Before we were regenerated the only influence on our lives came from the \_\_\_\_\_ or our body. The bodies influence is the \_\_\_\_\_ and all of it's appetites. So then the body or what feels good to us tells the soul what it is to do and the soul complies because it has no reason not to and it wants to because it wants to please the body.

The Apostle Paul describes it like this...

### ➤ Before Regeneration:

Romans 7:15-23 For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I. 16 If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that *it is* good. 17 Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. 18 For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but *how* to perform that which is good I find not. 19 For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. 20 Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. 21 I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me. 22 For I delight in the law of God after the inward man: 23 But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.

### ➤ After Regeneration:

Romans 7:24-25 O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? 25 I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.

Paul was saying that before he was saved or regenerated he \_\_\_\_\_ control his desires. He wanted to do right but it was impossible because the flesh was so strong.

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In other words before we were born again or regenerated we did what we wanted to do. If our flesh wanted something whether good or bad we did it. If it didn't want something we didn't do it. We made all of our decisions according to the dictates of the flesh because that was the only thing that was controlling us. If it felt good to us, made us happy, or was something we wanted we did it. If it felt bad to us, was something that made us unhappy, or something we didn't want we didn't do it. *Ephesians 2:2-3* *Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: 3 Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.*

After Paul got saved or was regenerated he could now serve the law of God and do right.

However verse 25 has been a source of much confusion for people. Romans 7:25 I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. **So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.**

What does Paul mean? Can we serve God with just our minds and still sin with the flesh and that be okay? NO!!

Paul is describing what happens to all of us when we get saved. The spirit that God gave us is now alive in us and wants to do what is right in God's eyes. However, we still have to deal with the flesh and the flesh will \_\_\_\_\_ want to do what is right in God's eyes. The flesh will always want to do what pleases it, not what pleases God.

When we are born again or regenerated our \_\_\_\_\_ comes to life or is made alive by God and now we have another voice that is telling the soul what it should do.

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### III. Regeneration: A Fighting Chance.

Before we were saved or regenerated we \_\_\_\_\_ have much of a chance to behave ourselves.

We naturally \_\_\_\_\_ to the dictates of the flesh. Whatever the flesh wanted we gave

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it to it. Even if we really didn't want to or we knew that we shouldn't.

Matthew 26:41 Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed *is* willing, but the flesh *is* weak.

The conflict or fight comes when the \_\_\_\_\_ is pressing us to give it what it wants. It wants ease and comfort. It wants to be pampered and petted. It wants what it wants and else.

However the Regenerate man has something within him that the unregenerate man does not and that is a

\_\_\_\_\_.

The \_\_\_\_\_ is the other voice if you will and speaks of what God wants and encourages us to go His way and not follow the way of the flesh and the world.

The \_\_\_\_\_ speaks for the world and wants to go in it's direction but the \_\_\_\_\_ speaks for God and wants go in His direction.

This is why the Scripture says, *Galatians 5:16 & 17* *This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. **17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.***

The conflict of Galatians 5:17.

This is why we feel a spiritual "tug of war" so to speak.

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Charles Finney said, “Regeneration \_\_\_\_\_ bring a change in the attitude of the will, or a change in it’s ultimate choice, intention, or preference.”

Even in this “tug of war” we still have a \_\_\_\_\_ and a right to choose.

We can either side with the flesh and continue to do what it wants and give it it’s way or we can do as Paul did.

“OR”

We could crucify the flesh on a daily basis and force it to go the way the spirit dictates and as God directs.

With the spirit being made alive in us we now have the \_\_\_\_\_ to overcome sin as we live and move under the power of God.

Colossians 1:12-14 Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:

**13** Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated *us* into the kingdom of his dear Son:

**14** In whom we have redemption through his blood, *even* the forgiveness of sins:

Romans 6:6-14 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with *him*, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

**7** For he that is dead is freed from sin.

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

**9** Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him.

**10** For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.

**11** Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**12** Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.

**13** Neither yield ye your members *as* instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members *as* instruments of righteousness unto God.

**14** For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

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These verse are telling us that we now have the power to overcome sin. It has no more power over us unless \_\_\_\_\_ let it. That is why Paul told us not to let sin \_\_\_\_\_ in our mortal bodies.

Paul is saying we have been freed from sin. Do not let it come back.

Sin will try to get back in your life through the body but the spirit will help you to fight it. If you will listen to it.

We must fight it and now we have a fighting chance for our spirit is revived and the power of Christ rests upon the regenerated man that wants to do His will.

We no longer have to give in to sin for we can \_\_\_\_\_ resist it through the power of the spirit.

However, to be successful the spirit \_\_\_\_\_ and the flesh must be

Which ever one you feed will be the one that wins in the end.

If you give in to the dictates of the flesh and let it have it's way it will lessen the effectiveness of the spirit.

If you give yourself to the power of the spirit and \_\_\_\_\_ the flesh it will lessen the power of the flesh.

The choice is still ours but now, because the spirit is revived we have a fighting chance and more than a fighting chance but we can be victorious over sin.

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**Remember:**

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