Regeneration

1. THE NECESSITY OF REGENERATION.
   1. BECAUSE THE NATURAL MAN HAS AN INCURABLY WICKED NATURE.

John 3:3, 6; Romans 8:7, 8; Jeremiah 13:23. “cannot.”

* 1. BECAUSE THE NATURAL MAN IS DEAD SPIRITUALLY.

Ephesians 2:1, I John 5:12 “dead in sins,” dead to God.

* 1. BECAUSE THE NATURAL MAN IS A CHILD OF THE DEVIL.

John 8:42-44; I John 3:10; Acts 13:10.

* 1. BECAUSE THE NATURAL MAN CANNOT ENTER THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

John 3:5 “except….he cannot enter.”

1. THE CHARACTER OF REGENERATION.
   1. IT IS A NEW CREATION; NOT CHANGED BUT NEW. (Contrast 1-a)

II Corinthians 5:17 “in Christ…a new creature”

II Peter 1:4 “partakers of the divine nature.”

* 1. IT IS A SPIRITUAL RESURRECTION, A NEW LIFE. (Contrast 1-b)

Ephesians 2:1, 5 “you hath He quickened who were dead in…sins”

John 5:25 “the dead… that hear shall live”

I Peter 1:3 “begotten us…by the resurrection of Christ”

* 1. IT IS A NEW BIRTH; MADE A CHILD OF GOD. (Contrast 1-c)

Galatians 3:26 “ye are all the children of God thru faith”

John 1:11-13 “become the sons of God…born of God”

* 1. IT IS ADMITTANCE INTO THE KINGDOM OF GOD. (Contrast 1-d)

John 3:5 “except a man be born again…cannot enter”

Colossians 1:13 “hath translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son.”

1. THE MEANS OF REGENERATION.
   1. THE HOLY SPIRIT IS THE DIVINE PERSON WHO REGENERATES.

John 3: 5, 6, 8 “born of the Spirit”

John 6:63 “it is the Spirit that quickeneth”

* 1. THE WORD OF GOD IS THE INSTRUMENT OF REGENERATION.

James 1:18, 21 “He begat us by the word of truth”

John 3:5 “water” a symbol of the Word. Ephesians 5:26; John 15:3.

* 1. OUR FAITH IS NECESSARY FOR REGENERATION.

Galatians 3:26 “children of God by FAITH in Christ Jesus”

I John 5:1 “whosoever BELIEVETH…is born of God”

1. THE CONFLICT AFTER REGENERATION.

The new nature (2-a) does not REPLACE the old nature (1-a). BOTH dwell in the believer and contend for the mastery.

Galatians 5:16-19 “the flesh against the Spirit… are contrary”

Romans 7:15-25 “when I would do good evil is present with me”

---THE OLD -- CONTRAST – THE NEW -- ………..

Is received when we are born – Is received when born again.

Born of the flesh, John 3:6 – Born of the Spirit. John 3:6.

Does no good, Romans 3:12 – Doeth righteousness, I John 2:29.

Cannot please God, Romans 8:8 – Cannot commit sin, I John 5:18.

Hates God, Romans 8:7 – Loves God, I John 4:19.

Loves the world, I John 2:15 – Overcomes the world, I John 5:4.