

THEME: THE HOLY SPIRIT

TOPIC: THE REGENERATING WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

TEXT: JOHN 3:3-5; ROMANS 8:7-12; GALATIANS 5:19-21

INTRODUCTION

We have been saved, not because of the righteous things we have done, but because of His mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. – Titus 3:5; John 3:3

The above text is the concept of regeneration explained in a nutshell. Today we want to explore the meaning of the word regeneration and what role the Holy Spirit plays in the regeneration of a man.

At the time of man's regeneration, his spirit receives God's life and becomes livened up. It is the Holy Spirit who actively accomplishes this work in us. It is the Holy Spirit who reproves man of sin, righteousness, and judgment. He prepares man's heart, causing him to willingly believe in the Lord Jesus as his Saviour. The work of the cross is accomplished by the Lord Jesus. However, it is the Holy Spirit who applies this upon the sinner and within his heart.

1. Regeneration is the impartation of spiritual life, to those who are spiritually dead, through their trespasses and sins – **Ephesians 2:1,5**

Q: What do you see that tells you someone has been regenerated (fruit of regeneration)?

2. For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God – **1 Peter 1:23; James 1:18; John 6:63; 2 Corinthians 3:6**

Q: How do you explain regeneration to someone who is unchurched?

3. Regeneration is the impartation of a new nature, God's own nature, to the one who is born again.– **2 Peter 1:4; 1 Corinthians 2:14; Galatians 5:19-21; Romans 8:7**

Q: In what practical ways is God's new nature imparted by the Holy Spirit in our lives?

4. The Holy Spirit is the one that regenerates us. We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us. This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words – **1 Corinthians 2:12-13; Galatians 5:22-24**

Q: What is the correlation between the regeneration of the Spirit and the manifestation of the fruit of the Spirit in our life?

Conclusion

We must understand the relationship between the work of Christ on the cross and the work of the Holy Spirit. While the cross has already accomplished everything, the Holy Spirit accomplishes within man what has been accomplished before. While the cross causes man to have **the position**, the Holy Spirit causes man to have **the experience**.

While the cross achieves the "fact" for God, the Holy Spirit gives man the experience. While the work of the cross creates a position and achieves salvation so that the sinner may have the possibility of being saved, the work of the Holy Spirit reveals to the sinner what the cross has created and accomplished so that he may receive, obtain and work in it.

Prayer: Lord let the Holy Spirit do the work of regeneration in my life such that the beauty of Jesus and His grace can be seen in me every day of my life in Jesus name.