

Series: Systematic Theology Part 3
Title: Regeneration
Purpose: To examine the gospel message and how it becomes effective
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- I. Regeneration is totally the work of God
 - A. This is totally an act of God. We play no active role in regeneration
 - B. Which member of trinity is involved
 - C. Connection with effective calling
 - D. Irresistible grace
- II. The exact nature of regeneration is mysterious to us
 - A. Spiritually dead
 - B. Whole person is regenerated
 - C. Instantaneous but only happens once
 - D. Generally a known time, especially for adults
- III. In this sense of “regeneration”, it comes before saving faith
 - A. Regeneration is the act of God that gives us the spiritual ability to respond to God in faith - however from our perspective, they happen almost simultaneously
 - B. John 3:5 - must be born again before we can be saved
 - C. John 6:44 - Father must draw him
 - D. John 6:65 - come by act of Father
 - E. Acts 16:14 - Lord opened her heart
 - F. 1 Corinthians 2:14 - without Spirit, cannot understand
 - G. Romans 3:11 - no one understands
 - H. Ephesians 2:4-5 - God made us alive
 - I. Colossians 2:13 - God made you alive
 - J. Regeneration is not visible - like wind (John 3:8)
 - K. See results but not regeneration itself
 - L. Following scripture; regeneration is the initial act, not a result of saving faith
- IV. Genuine regeneration must bring results in life
 - A. Acts 16:14 - gave heed to what Paul said
 - B. 1 John 1:5 - everyone who believes is born of God
 - C. 1 John 3:9 - cannot go on sinning
 - D. 1 John 2:29 - doing right shows been born again
 - E. 1 John 4:7 - will love
 - F. 1 John 5:3-4 - overcome the world
 - G. 1 John 5:18 - evil one cannot harm him
 - H. 1 John 4:4 - greater is He who is in you
 - I. Galatians 5:22-23 - fruit of the Spirit
 - J. Matthew 7:15-20 - no good fruit is evidence of an un-regenerated life
 - K. Notice there is nothing listed about church activity or miracles - all characters traits
 - L. Matthew 7:22-23 - works do not demonstrate new birth

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