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REGENERATION MECHANICS

HOW REGENERATION WORKS IN SALVATION

"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost"

~ Titus 3:5

1. Salvation vs. Regeneration
- a. Salvation is simple to receive (faith), but its depth teaches the wisdom & grace of God
- b. 'Salvation' is the whole package, 'regeneration' is one part. (*Car vs. ignition/electrical*)
- c. What is regeneration? How does it work? (*battery, starter, alternator, spark plug, ECM)*
- d. Regeneration makes salvation new (confusion over when, how, what is produced)

2. The Function of Regeneration
- a. Regeneration *~def*. New life, new creation, new nature, new beginning, growth/fruit.
- b. Similar ideas: revival, renewal, resurrection, restoration, quicken, born, workmanship.
- c. Regeneration results in something new being made (Genesis vs. Neo-Genesis)
- d. Regeneration describes how the life of Christ is imparted to us - Gen 2:7 vs. 1Cor 15:45
- e. We are not saved unto the old thing, but "all things become new" - 2 Cor 5:17

3. Life and Death
- a. Sin causes many problems: wrath, relationship, righteousness, purpose, and ...
- b. The mortality problem (we are subject to death) "*The wages of sin is death"* Rom 6:23
- c. Our life is corrupt, temporal, tied to our flesh, results in death - Rom 7:24
- d. We need new life, incorruptible, eternal, spiritual, immortal. Rom 6:23, 2 Tim 1:9-10
- e. Regeneration uses the life of Christ to solve the mortality problem.

4. Quickened Spirits
- a. Sin not just in bodies but corrupts our heart and soul. Gen 6:5, Jer 17:9, Eze 18:4, 31
- b. We were spiritually dead (without God) - Eph 2:1-3, 5, 4:17-18 (see also 4:22-24)
- c. Jesus taught it is the words that quicken, "they are spirit, they are life" - John 6:63
- d. We were saved when we heard and trusted the word of God's grace - Eph 1:13, 2:8
- e. *"being dead in your sins... hath he quickened together with him"* - Col 2:13

5. Regeneration Mechanics
- a. We become a new creature (regenerated) in Christ - 2 Cor 5:17
- b. "In Christ..." "in him" by faith in Christ - Col 2:3, 5, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 (baptism)
- c. We become children of God (new nature) by "faith in Christ Jesus" - Gal 3:26-28
- d. We receive the Spirit through faith - Gal 3:14, who baptizes us into Christ - 1 Cor 12:13
- e. Jesus, John "fulfilled all righteousness" with their work - Matt 3:15, but not us Titus 3:5
- f. Washing a ceramic cup makes it "good as new", but it does not make it indestructible.
- g. Titus 3:5 says 'washing' because our washing is not water but regeneration by Spirit
- h. Water baptismal regeneration is wrong – baptism into Christ regeneration is Biblical.

6. Newness of Life

a. We are baptized into his death and resurrection! Rom 6:3-5
b. In being identified with his resurrection, we have "newness of life" (regeneration)
c. We are alive unto God through Jesus Christ - 6:11
d. This gift of new life in Christ is the source of a new fruit - Rom 6:21-23
e. We are delivered from mortality and death by the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus - Rom 8:2
f. We are not in the flesh (a new nature) but in the Spirit - Rom 8:9-11
g. We live new life in Christ by the Spirit - Gal 2:20. 4:29
h. Saved by grace "we are his workmanship created in Christ Jesus" - Eph 2:8-10
i. The "new man" was created by Christ as a mystery - Col 1:27, 3:10-11