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LESSON 42: REGENERATION

Regeneration: “The implanting of the principle of new spiritual life and a radical change in the governing disposition of the soul.” Martin Lloyd Jones

“Except a man be born again he can not see the kingdom of God.” – **John 3:3**

Main Idea: *The only way we can be pardoned from the wrath of God, have fellowship with God, and enter into the kingdom of God is through the regenerative work of the Holy Spirit.*

I. The Nature of Regeneration

A. Words Scripture uses in reference to regeneration

1. Regeneration (Titus 3:5) – the only time this word is used in the NT.
2. New Creation (Ephesians 2:10; 4:24; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Galatians 6:15)
3. Birth or Born Again (John 3:3-8; 1 John 1:13, 2:29, 3:9, 4:7, 5:1)
4. Made Alive (1 Corinthians 15:22; Ephesians 2:5; Colossians 2:13; 1 Peter 3:18)
5. Life (2 Corinthians 3:6)

B. What it is regeneration?

1. Changing of our Spiritual Disposition
2. Faculties are natural affected
3. Regeneration’s full effect is Instant and Permanent
4. Subconsciously (John 3:8)
5. Entirely an act of God
 - a. Father is the administrator. He determined who would benefit from the gracious work of regenerated and oversees the process.
 - b. Regeneration is made possible through the redemptive work of the Son.
 - c. The Holy Spirit is the one who carries out the actual regenerating process.

C. What regeneration is not?

1. Not a change in physical substance (John 3:5; Acts 8:13; 18:18, 19).
2. We are not changed from man to God
3. Nothing is added or taken away from our souls (the five faculties of the soul are mind, memory, affection, the will, and conscience - John 15)
4. Not moral reformation

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II. The Need for Regeneration

A. Our Starting Point

1. We are born sinners (Psalm 51:5; Job 14:4)
2. Through one man all are counted as sinners (Romans 5:12-19; 3:23)
3. No one is born good (Genesis 6:5; Psalm 14:1-3)
4. We are dead in our transgressions (Ephesians 2:1-3; Romans 6:6, 17, 20)
5. The wages of sin is death (Romans 6:23; 2:8)

B. Our Need for Outside, Divine Help

1. Flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God (John 1:13; 3:6; 9:39 1 Corinthians 15:50)
2. We do not have a sense for or desire for godliness (Matthew 13:13-15; John 3:3-9; Ephesians 5:8-11; Colossians 1:13; 1 Peter 2:9).
3. We are too weak (Romans 5:6; 1 Corinthians 2:14).

III. The Privileges of Regeneration

A. Freedom from the bondage of sin (Romans 6:14, 17-22; Philippians 2:13).

B. Able to pursue holiness (Leviticus 11:44-45; 1 Peter 1:14-16)

C. Perseverance (John 10:26-30; Romans 8:38-32; 1 Peter 1:3-5; 5:8-10; 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24)

D. Free from the wrath of God (Romans 8:1)

E. Eternal Life in the kingdom of God (John 3:3, 36).

F. Enlightened to see & understand spiritual things (1 Corinthians 2:14-15; 2 Corinthians 4:6; Colossians 3:10).

G. Power to proclaim spiritual things to others (Acts 1:8)