

The Riches of God in Christ
in
REGENERATION

Being made:
BORN AGAIN



The 34 Unfathomable Riches

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The Essential Character of the Riches of God's Grace in: Regeneration

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REGENERATION:

1. Is not experienced
2. Is not progressive
3. Is in no way related to human merit
4. It is eternal in its character
5. It is known only through the Word of God
6. Is not produced by man but by God alone

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I (A). Regeneration: What is It?

“REGENERATION” (PALINGENESIA)

- LIT: ‘PALIN’ = AGAIN, ‘GENESIS’ = BIRTH, CREATION
- AGAIN CREATION
- BORN ANEW
- A NEW BIRTH OR NEW CREATION (SPIRITUALLY)
- USED ONLY 2X in the N.T.:

Mat 19:28

*And Jesus said to them, “Truly I say to you, that you who have followed Me, in the **regeneration** when the Son of Man will sit on His glorious throne, you also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.*

Tit 3:5

*He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of **regeneration** and renewing by the Holy Spirit,*

- **NOTE: THE CONTEXT MATTHEW PASSAGE IS EARTHLY; TITUS PASSAGE IS SPIRITUAL. OUR STUDY TODAY FOCUSES ON THE SPIRITUAL.**



I(B). Regeneration: What is It?

A FUNCTION/OPERATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

- *He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, **by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit,*** TITUS 3:5
- THE IMPARTING OF A NEW LIFE
- IMPLANTATION OF A NEW NATURE (DIVINE)
- THE FORMATION OF A NEW MAN
- A BREATHED-IN HEAVENLY SOURCE OF NATURE – CHM
 - ***As in nature, water always finds its own level; so in grace, the new, the divine nature always tends towards its own proper source.*** CH MACKINTOSH
- BIRTH INTO A NEW ROOT / NEW FAMILY / FIGUREHEAD: WAS ADAM (EARTHLY-FLESHLY); NOW IS CHRIST (HEAVENLY-SPIRITUAL)



II. Regeneration: Why is it Necessary?

1. **OUR STATE/CONDITION: WE WERE DEAD IN TRESPASSES & SINS** - EPH 2:1
2. **WE WERE CHILDREN OF WRATH (WRONG PARENTAGE)** – EPH 2:3
3. **WE WERE UNDER CONDEMNATION & WE WERE DEAD** - ROM 5:12
4. **WE WERE FLESHLY (WRONG SOURCE)** – I COR 15:50, GAL 4:23, JN 3:6
5. **WE WERE OF THE LINEAGE/STOCK OF ADAM**
6. **OUR CONDITION WAS HOPELESS: GEN., PSA., ISA., JER., EPH.**
 - *“every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually”*
 - *“there is no one who does good, no, not one”*
 - *“all flesh is grass, the grass withers, the flower fades”*
 - *“the heart is deceitful above all things, desperately wicked, who can know it?”*
 - *“But we are . . . an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags”*
 - *“having no hope, and without God in the world”*
7. **WRONG** FAMILY(ROOT), BORN **WRONG**, DONE **WRONG**, **WRONG** CONDUCT (FRUIT)- ‘FOR ALL HAVE SINNED AND FALLEN SHORT...’ ROM. 3:23 **MJ STANFORD**



III. Regeneration: How is it Obtained?

A. FIRST, HOW IT IS NOT OBTAINED:

- NOT BY PHYSICAL BLOOD (HUMAN SOURCE) JN 1:13
- NOT BY THE WILL OF MAN JN 1:13
- NOT BY REFORMING / IMPROVING IN MORALITY, CHARACTER. NOT A PROCESS

B. SECOND, HOW THE NEW BIRTH IS OBTAINED:

- ... OF WATER JN 3:5 (cleansing property of the Word of God)
- ... AND OF THE SPIRIT JN 3:5
- OF THE FATHER'S OWN WILL JAS 1:18
- BY THE WORD OF TRUTH JAS 1:18
- OF INCORRUPTIBLE SEED I PET 1:23
- BY THE WORD OF GOD I PET 1:23
- BY SIMPLE BELIEF JN 1:12 / JN 3:15,16,18 / JN 5:24



IV. Regeneration: What is its RESULTS?

WE / (WE ARE NOW/ HAVE NOW):

1. **A NEW CREATION:** *kainos* man; new in quality; substantively new; unheard of GAL 6:15
 2. **CHILDREN OF GOD:** JN 1:12
 3. **PASSED FROM DEATH TO LIFE;** JHN 5:24
 4. **NOW ABLE TO WORSHIP GOD (in spirit & truth) / RELATE TO GOD / ABILITY TO SHARE DIVINE VIEWPOINT;** I COR 2:16 / ROM 15:5 / PHI 2:5
 5. **SPIRITUAL: NOT FLESHLY** JN 3:6
 6. **HEAVENLY CITIZENS:** not earthly dust dwellers, *"... Till you return to the ground, For out of it you were taken; For dust you are, And to dust you shall return."* PHI 3:20/ EPH 2: 6,19/ I COR 15:48-49
1. **LIFE ETERNAL:** JN 3:15,16,36 / JN 4:14 / JN 5:24,39 / JN 12:25
 2. **REVEAL THE GLORY OF GOD:** II COR 3:2-3, 4:6-7
 3. **DECLARE THE GLORY OF GOD:** (to others) ACTS 17:23 / MAT 28:19
 4. **SHARE THE GLORY OF GOD:** JN 17:22 / II COR 3:18
 5. **ABLE TO GLORIFY GOD:** JN 17:1-3 / REV 19:7
 6. **THE APEX OF GOD'S ETERNAL PURPOSE FOR MANKIND:** **CHRIST-LIKENESS**



V. JESUS: and the New Birth

THE PROOF TEXT FOR REGENERATION:

JESUS' INTERVIEW WITH NICODEMUS

1 Now there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews; 2 this man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, “Rabbi, we know that You have come from God as a teacher; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him.” 3 Jesus answered and said to him, **“Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.”**

4 Nicodemus *said to Him, “How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born, can he?” 5 Jesus answered, **“Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Do not be amazed that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ 8 The wind blows where it wishes and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going; so is everyone who is born of the Spirit.”**

9 Nicodemus said to Him, “How can these things be?” 10 Jesus answered and said to him, **“Are you the teacher (master) of Israel and do not understand these things? 11 Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know and testify of what we have seen, and you do not accept our testimony.**

1. WHY DID NICODEMUS COME TO JESUS AT NIGHT?
2. WHO WAS NICODEMUS?
3. DID NICODEMUS HAVE A QUESTION?



V(b.). JESUS: and the New Birth

THE PROOF TEXT FOR REGENERATION:

JESUS' INTERVIEW WITH NICODEMUS

12 If I told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? **13** No one has ascended into heaven, but He who descended from heaven: the Son of Man. **14** As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up; **15** so that whoever believes will in Him have eternal life. **16** “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. **17** For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him. **18** He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. **19** This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil. **20** For everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come to the Light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. **21** But he who practices the truth comes to the Light, so that his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in God.”

1. THE TWO ‘MUST’(S): DO YOU SEE THEM?



VI. THE TWO 'MUSTS'

I. 'You Must be Born Again'

- More of an ABSOLUTE, than an imperative command
- Immense depth & moral power in one little word
- Totally sets aside man (any contribution of mankind) in his very best estate. After all, Nicodemus was the pinnacle of status in the Jewish hierarchy. [He was a Pharisee, Sanhedrin, Master of Israel]
- If I am to have a new nature, it doesn't matter if I am at the pinnacle like Nicodemus, or a miserable drug-addicted washout: I am shut out... I have been stamped with the image of my fallen parentage
- It speaks to every class, to every condition, to every grade and shade of character, to man in every rank and every clime, to every creed and every denomination, in its own clear, emphatic, sweeping style, and says, " You must be born again." It bears down with far more weight upon the conscience than any appeal that could be made on the ground of moral conduct. It does not interfere, in the least, with the question of moral reform in any one of its many phases.

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MACKINTOSH TREASURY, PG. 564



VI(b). THE TWO 'MUSTS'

II. ...'even so must the Son of man be lifted up'

- THE ANSWER TO: 'Where am I to turn? How am I to get this new life?'
- A Second Man has to enter the scene
- There are two men and two 'musts'
- Am I completely struck down by the first 'must'? Am I overwhelmed by the insurmountable difficulty it proposes to me? Am I on the verge of despair of the impossibility of what 'must' be?
- Why 'Must' He?
- Because I MUST have New Life (*all flesh is as grass, and the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls away..*)
- The death of the Second Man is the only ground of life to the first.
- Christ, as lifted up for me is life eternal
- The moment this look is given the new birth takes place.

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