

The Holy Spirit

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Holy Spirit & Regeneration

WEEK 5

Review: Deity

How do we know He is God?

- He is Called God
- He has Divine Attributes
- Trinitarian Theology Leads to it

Review: Extraordinary Works

Prophecy

Writing of Scripture

Miracles



Review: Significance in NT

- **Abundantly Poured Out**
- **Central to the Gospel**
- **Gift of the Spirit is for All Believers**
- **He Builds Up the Church**

Review: He Builds Up the Church

- Supplying Himself in the absence of Christ
- Perfecting the OT work
- Supplying the means



Regeneration is Assigned to the Spirit

John 3:3-6

³ Jesus answered 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? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" ⁵ Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.



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JOHN 3:3

**Necessity
of new
birth**



How is One Born Again?

“OF WATER”

- Pledge & sign of the Spirit
- The seal of the covenant
- *I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. (Ezekiel 36:25)*

“OF THE SPIRIT”

- The principal efficient cause
- Beyond our means
- *who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. (John 1:13)*

Analogous, but different

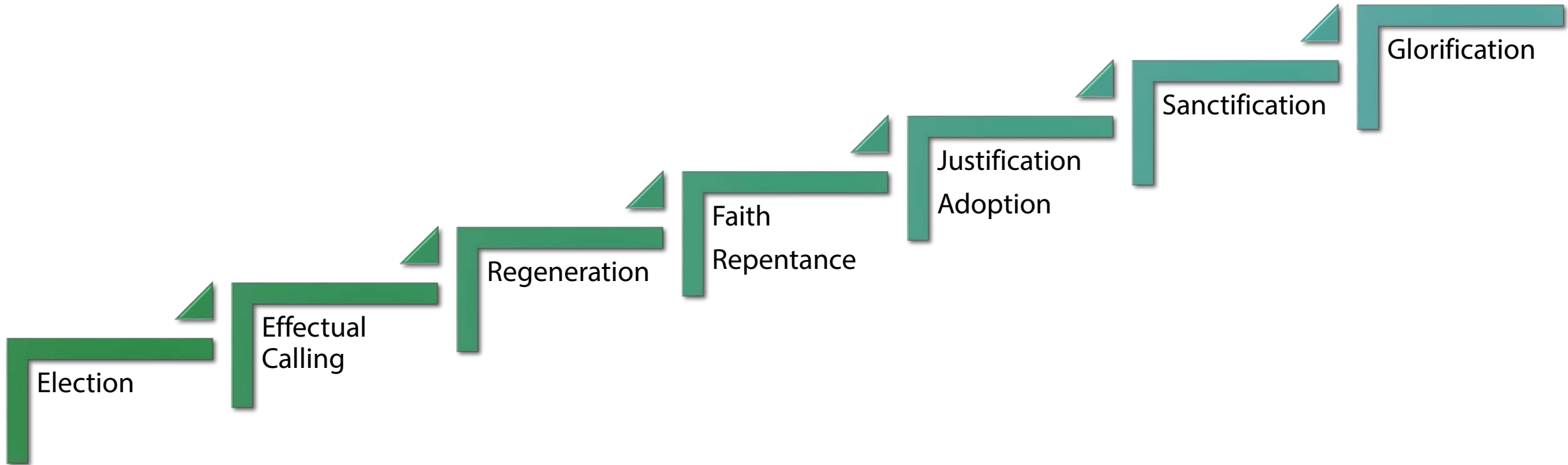


Called a “quickenings”

- Ephesians 2:1-5
- John 6:63
- Romans 8:9-10
- Titus 3:4-6

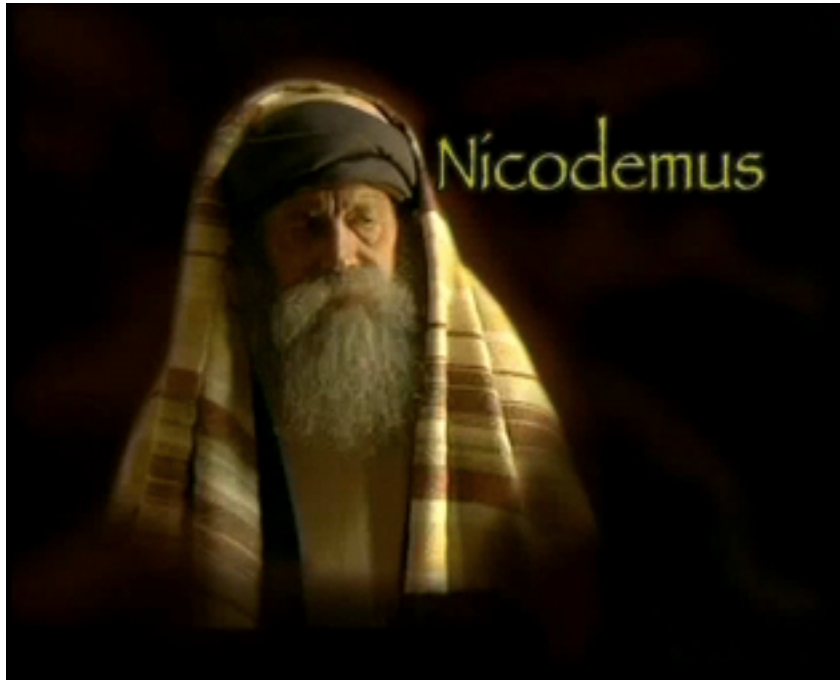


Order of Salvation



Regeneration the Same in both OT and NT

Regeneration is the Same Work



Revelation of the work was more obscure in OT
Clearer in NT because more are partakers of the mercy

- Use of preached Word
- Use of ordinary means

**Condition of
men has
always been
the same**

**State into
which they
are brought
is the same**

- Psalm 51:5
- John 3:36
- Romans 3:19
- Ephesians 2:3
- Romans 5:15-18

What is Regeneration?

Regeneration is NOT baptism

Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, (1 Peter 3:21)

For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. (Galatians 6:15)

Regeneration is NOT:

Moral Reformation

- This is the focus of all other religions
- Although this is necessary duty
- An infallible result of regeneration

Regeneration is:

The Creation of a New Creature

- Ephesians 4:22-24
- He has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature (2 Peter 1:4)

Regeneration is:

The Knowledge of God

- Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind (Romans 12:2)
- and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. (Colossians 3:10)

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ,

HE IS A NEW CREATION.

The old has passed away; behold,

the new has come.



2 COR 5:17

REGENERATION

STONE

MADE

FLESH



(Romans 3:20)

Sorrow for Sin
(2 Cor. 7:10)

Renewed
(Titus 3:5)

Slave of Righteousness
(Romans 6:6)

Divine Workmanship
(Ephesians 2:10)

Born of God
(1 John 5:1)

Clean
(Ezekiel 36:25)

WITH PEOPLE THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE, BUT WITH GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE. MATTHEW 19:26

Unbelief
(John 6:63-64)

Darkened, Ignorant
(Eph. 4:17-18)

Depraved Mind
(Romans 1:28)

Dead in sin
(Ephesians 2:1)

Slave to Sin
(John 8:34)

NEXT WEEK: PART 2