

Regeneration—Alive From The Dead

Resurrection - Alive From The Dead

- I. What is the doctrine of regeneration?
- II. How does regeneration happen?

Regeneration

The beginning of a new life

A spiritual resurrection

Instantaneous change from spiritual death to spiritual life

He becomes a new creature

The sinner is regenerated

He is born again

(Charles Hodge, *Systematic Theology*, III:5).

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Regeneration

“Regeneration is that act of God by which the principle of the new life is implanted in man, and the governing disposition of the soul is made holy...*and the first holy exercise of this new disposition is secured*”

Greek words related to regeneration

- *Gennaō* and *anagennaō* – “to beget, beget again, to bear, to give birth” (Jn 1:13; 3:3-8; 1 Pet 1:3, 23; 1 Jn 2:29; 3:9; 4:7; 5:1, 4, 18)
- *Palingenesia* – “again” + “birth” = “rebirth” or “new birth”.
Beginning new life (Titus 3:5).
- *Apokueō* – “to bear, bring forth” like bearing a child (Jas 1:18)
- *Ktizō* and *kaine ktisis* – “to create”, “a new creation” (Eph 2:10; 4:24; 2 Cor 5:17; Gal 6:15)
- *Kainos anthropos* – “new man” (Eph 4:24)
- *Suzōpoieō* – “to make alive together with” (Eph 2:5; Col 2:13)

God's Perspective vs. Our Perspective

God's awareness

- Election
- Regeneration (given new life)
- Calling
- Faith
- Begin to experience new life

Man's awareness

- Hear the gospel
- Trust in Christ
- Begin to experience new life