

Doctrine of Regeneration – Part Two

Introducing the Concepts

John 3:3-10

Ezekiel 36:25-27

Our previous study of regeneration in John 3 revealed that regeneration includes both the idea of *spiritual life* and the idea of *spiritual illumination* by which we are enabled both to see and to enter the kingdom of God (John 3:3, 5)

I. Spiritual Life

Psalm 51:5-10; Psalm 119:32-36; Isaiah 57:15; Jeremiah 24:3-7

On the circumcision of the heart: Deuteronomy 30:5-8; Romans 2:28-29; Colossians 2:11-12

II. Spiritual Illumination

Psalm 119:17-18, 33-34, 73, 125, 130, 144, 169-171

1 Corinthians 2:7-14

Robert Dunzweiler has aptly observed:

There is abundant evidence that Old Testament believers manifested great faith, exemplified sincere repentance, pleased God, and brought forth the fruit of the Spirit in their lives (imperfectly, of course, as we do today). If all natural descendants of Adam are spiritually dead, and if the only way they can become spiritually alive is through regeneration, the Old Testament saints had to be regenerated in order to become spiritually alive. If only those who are spiritually alive can manifest spiritual life, and if the Old Testament believers manifested spiritual life, then Old Testament believers must have been spiritually alive. (“Regeneration and Indwelling in the Old Testament period,” <http://www.ibri.org/RRs/RR025/25regen.htm>)