

What is Redemption? Lesson 8 – Regeneration

Introduction:

- God has ordained an _____ for the steps in salvation.
 - Election (God’s plan before creation)
 - The Gospel call (The proclamation of the Gospel)
 - Regeneration (Being born again)
 - Conversion (Faith and repentance)
 - Justification (God declaring us righteous)
 - Adoption (Membership in God’s family)
 - Sanctification (The life-long process of purification)
 - Perseverance (Remaining a Christian)
 - Death (Going to be with the Lord)
 - Glorification (Receiving a resurrection body)
- Election says: that before creation, God chose a people to be saved.
- The Gospel Call is: God drawing those people to Himself so that they will willingly believe and be saved.
- God must do something supernatural _____ of a person in order for them to be _____ to willingly embrace Jesus Christ by faith.
- Regeneration is the act of God in which He _____ new spiritual life in us.
- In the Bible, regeneration is called being _____.

1. Why regeneration is _____.

A. Man is _____.

Rom 3.10 as it is written: “None is righteous, no, not one;

Rom 3.12 All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; **no one does good, not even one.**”

B. No man _____ after God.

Rom 3.11 No man understands; **no one seeks for God.**

Luke 19.10 For the Son of Man came **to seek and to save the lost.**”

- Fallen man does not find God; he _____ from God!

Col 1.21 And you, who once were **alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds,**

- People do not seek after God; they seek the _____ that only God can give them.

C. Men _____ come to God.

Rom 8.8 Those who are in the flesh **cannot** please God.

- People can't come to God because they do not _____ or seek for God.
- People often use Revelation 3.20 as an evangelistic appeal to unbelievers, but it was spoken to _____, not to unbelievers.

Rev 3.20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.

D. Man cannot _____ himself.

Jer 13.23 (NIV) Can an Ethiopian change his skin
or a leopard its spots?
Neither can you do good
who are accustomed to doing evil.

E. Man is spiritually _____ because of sin.

Eph 2.1 And you were **dead** in trespasses and sin.

Eph 2.5a even when we were **dead** in our trespasses

- Fallen man is dead to the things of _____.
- Fallen man is not just sick or _____ dead, but completely dead.
- Fallen man does not have a tiny amount of righteousness left in his heart that makes him _____ to choose Christ.
- Fallen man does not even have one tiny breath of spiritual life left in him.
- Dead men cannot make themselves _____ !

2. How regeneration is _____.

- Regeneration is the act of God in which He _____ new spiritual life in us.

A. While we are still dead in sin, we are _____ by God's power.

***Eph 2.4–6** But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, 5 even **when we were dead** in our trespasses, **made us alive** together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—6 and **raised us up** with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,*

- **ILLUSTRATION: Lazarus**

***John 11.17** Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days.*

***John 11.23** Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.”*

***John 11.43–44** he cried out with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out.” 44 The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”*

- Just as Lazarus was physically dead, we are spiritually _____.
- Just as Lazarus had no life in him, we have no spiritual _____ in us.
- Just as Lazarus had to be _____ before He could come out of the tomb, we must be made alive before we can come to Christ.
- Just as Jesus gave new physical life to Lazarus to raise him from the dead, Jesus must _____ new spiritual life to us to raise us from spiritual death.
- Once Lazarus had life and could hear he came forth from death.
- God must _____ us new life in order to make us able come to Jesus and be saved.

B. We are born again by God's _____, not man's will.

- To be born again means to be given new spiritual _____ by God.
- Regeneration is the act of God in which He _____ new spiritual life in us.

- Just as we did not cause ourselves to be born into this world, in the same way, we did not cause ourselves to be _____.

John 1.12–13 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become **children of God, 13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.**

John 3.3–4 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?”

John 3.5–6 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**.”

- Just as the world did not cause itself to be created, in the same way, we did not cause ourselves to become a _____.

2 Cor 5.17–18a Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, **he is a new creation**. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. 18 **All this is from God**,

Eph 1.5 he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, **according to the purpose of his will**,

Eph 1.11 In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things **according to the counsel of his will**,

- Regeneration is the work of God, and it is the work of God _____.

James 1.18 **Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth**, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

- In regeneration God gives us new _____ and saving _____, and we are made alive and we willingly believe on Christ for our salvation.
- Salvation is of the **LORD!**
- We have nothing to boast about before God, because we contributed _____ to our salvation.

Eph 2.8–9 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is **not your own doing**; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, **so that no one may boast**.

Conclusion:

- **New life is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.**
- **Faith is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.**
- **Salvation is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.**
- **We should give great _____ to God that it is His work and not ours!**
- **We should _____ in Christ's finished work.**
- **We should _____ in God's effective call of the Gospel and in His giving us new life by regeneration!**
- **We should _____ on God's Spirit to use His Gospel and His power to save those that will believe.**