

# REGENERATION: A Precondition of Reformation

Various Texts

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*Abstract of Principles VIII.* Regeneration: “Regeneration is a change of heart, wrought by the Holy Spirit, who quickeneth the dead in trespasses and sins enlightening their minds spiritually and savingly to understand the Word of God, and renewing their whole nature, so that they love and practice holiness. It is a work of God’s free and special grace alone.”

**I. General definition:** Regeneration is a change of heart.

**II. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Regeneration:** “wrought by the Holy Spirit”

**III. The Radical \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of Regeneration:** “who quickeneth the dead in trespasses and sins enlightening their minds spiritually and savingly to understand the Word of God, and renewing their whole nature, so that they love and practice holiness.”

A. Regeneration is a \_\_\_\_\_ work of God: “who quickeneth the dead in trespasses and sins”

B. Regeneration transforms \_\_\_\_\_: “enlightening their minds spiritually and savingly to understand the Word of God”

C. Regeneration changes the \_\_\_\_\_ of man: “and renewing their whole nature, so that they love and practice holiness.”

**IV. The \_\_\_\_\_ in Regeneration:** “It is a work of God’s free and special grace alone.”

A. Regeneration depends on God’s \_\_\_\_\_, not on the will of man.

B. Regeneration is not the guaranteed result of any \_\_\_\_\_.

C. Although regeneration is normally accompanied by the proclamation of the Word, God is not \_\_\_\_\_ to save sinners whenever the Word is present.

**V. Implications and Importance of Regeneration:**