

REGENERATION

1. The barrier: physical birth
 - A. Physical life is imparted through human parents.
 - B. Every member of the human race is born spiritually dead, which means no fellowship with God.
 1. Ephesians 2:5, 6, "Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by GRACE ye are saved;) And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus."
 2. Colossians 2:13, "And you, being DEAD IN TRESPASSES AND SIN, and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath He quickened together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses."
2. The work of Christ: Regeneration, New Birth.
 - A. Definition: The spiritual work of God, whereby eternal life is imparted by faith, to the individual.
 1. From the Father: James 1:18, "Of His own will begat He us with the Word of Truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures."
 2. Provided by the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - a. John 1:11-12, "He came unto His own, and His own received Him not. But as many as received Him, to them gave He the power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His Name."
 - b. Galatians 3:26, "For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus."
 3. By the agency of the Holy Spirit.
 - a. Titus 3:5, "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Spirit."
 - B. Through regeneration, new birth, the individual is made spiritually alive.
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3. New nature
 - A. This is the new birth, the human spirit, where maturity is developed.
 1. 2 Corinthians 5:17, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."
 - a. "IS CREATED," which is capable of fellowship with God.
 - b. "IN CHRIST," in union with Christ.
 - c. "HE IS A NEW CREATURE," New birth.
 - d. "OLD THINGS ARE PASSED AWAY," The self-righteousness of man.
 - e. "ALL THINGS HAVE BECOME NEW," The righteousness of God imputed.
 2. Colossians 2:7, "Rooted and built up in Him, and established in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving."
 3. 2 Corinthians 5:21, the imputation of God's righteousness at salvation, "For He hath made Him to be sin for us, Who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him."

- C. In salvation our volition is involved only in our decision to accept Jesus Christ as our personal Savior. There are five things that happen at the moment of salvation which are accomplished by God the Holy Spirit, and not by us, therefore they are not an experience.
 - 1. **And is capable** of a desire to do His will.
 - A. Ephesians 2:10, "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."
 - 1. "CREATED UNTO," for the purpose of.
 - 2. "GOOD WORKS," All the doing of God on Earth is done by believers controlled by God the Holy Spirit.
 - 3. "ORDAINED," prepared. The Divine operating assets are provided by God.

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