

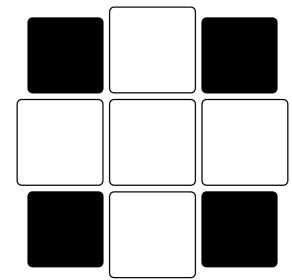
He Regenerates

Scripture: John 3:3

Series: The Holy Spirit

Sunday, June 8, 2014

Corroborating Texts: 2 Corinthians 5:17; 1 John 5:1; Colossians 3:1–2;
1 John 5:5



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Overview

Real change comes through the Holy Spirit of God through spiritual regeneration where God's presence indwells us, gives us a new heart, cleanses us, and makes us obedient.

Discussion Questions

1. Have you discussed the Holy Spirit with others often? In what context? Does it seem that people have little interest in the Holy Spirit? Why or why not? What have you studied about the Holy Spirit? What Scriptures involving the Holy Spirit that have truly ministered to you?
2. What are the things that we often depend on rather than the Holy Spirit? [education, status, wealth, success] Why do we naturally turn to these things?
3. What is regeneration? [Look at John 3—new birth] What happens when we experience new birth? [Look at 2 Corinthians 5:17—we become new creatures] This is the point of conversion. Would anyone share their conversion story?
4. What spiritually happened in this event? [new heart, new creature] What does it mean to have a new heart?
5. What does regeneration cleanse us from? [Past idolatries; sin.] What were some of the idolatries that you were cleansed from? [Look at 1 Corinthians 6:9–11] How does that change our status before God? [We are justified, declared righteous in God's eyes]
6. At regeneration, the Holy Spirit lives within us. How does that affect how we look at ourselves as regenerate people? Why would God place His presence in us? What is his purpose in doing this?
7. Why is it sometimes difficult to distinguish our point of conversion? Does anyone have a difficult time pinpointing this? How can you be comforted about your conversion? [What do you believe? Look at 1 John 5:1—are there fruits?]
8. What happens after conversion? What do you do now? [Take in the Word of God. Set your heart on Jesus. Fight against old ways and the world.] How much time should we spend in the Word? What if we can't seem to find time? [Put Word in us] How do we set our Hearts on Jesus? How do we fight against old way and the world? [Faith]