

“By My Spirit!”
The Holy Spirit’s Work Of Regeneration!

Introduction:

1. One Of The Favorite Hymns Of All Time: Amazing Grace!
 - John Newton (Slave Trader Before He Became A Christian) Understood What He Wrote!
 - Not Like Many Who Don’t Understand What They Sing!
 - “Amazing grace! How sweet the sound / That saved a wretch like me! / I once was lost, but now am found; / Was blind, but now I see!”
2. When We Are First Saved, We Sense Something Of The “Amazing Grace” Of God!
 - That He Would Save “A Wretch Like Me!”
 - But, The More We Learn About Ourselves / About God / About The Process Of Salvation From The Word Of God!
 - The More Amazing God’s Grace Should Become!
3. This Is What Should Happen, As We Start To Look Into The Personal Works Of The Holy Spirit!
 - One Of The Very First Works – Regeneration!
 - “Regeneration” - A “New Genesis!”
 - Not To Renew (Like Books) / Refresh (Water On The Face) / Reform (Make Better)
 - To Make New!
 - This Is Something That Every Person Needs In This World!
 - For Many Reasons!
 - And So, For Believers, God Lifts The Curtain A Little Bit, That Veils His Hidden Work In The “Mystery Of Godliness”, So That We Can See How He Saves Us!
 - And Be Astounded Even Further At The “Amazing Grace” That “Saved A Wretch Like Me!”

1. *The Need For Regeneration By The Holy Spirit!*

- The Bible Is Very Vivid About The Kind Of Person An Unbeliever Is!
 - And The Reasons Why Regeneration Is Absolutely Necessary!
 - A “New Genesis!” A Making Of Something Completely New In The Heart Of Man!
 - Man, Apart From The Holy Spirit, Has **NO** Spiritual Inclination!
- People Are Blind! And Need Regeneration!
 - Of Their Spiritual Sight!
 - Isaiah 59:2, 10 - “But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear. / 10 We grope for the wall like the blind, and we grope as if we had no eyes: we stumble at noonday as in the night; we are in desolate places as dead men!”
- People Are Ignorant! And Need Regeneration!
 - Of Their Spiritual Understanding!
 - Ephesians 4:18-19 - “Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart: Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness!”
- People Are Enemies Of God! And Need Regeneration!
 - Of Their Spiritual Desires!
 - Colossians 1:21 - “And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled!”
- People Are Dead! And Need Regeneration!
 - Of Their Spiritual Life!
 - Ephesians 2:1, 5 - “And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; / 5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)!”
- People Are Slaves! And Need Regeneration!
 - Of Their Spiritual Service!
 - Romans 6:20 - “For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness!”
 - 1 John 3:8 - “He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil!”

- People Are Impotent! And Need Regeneration!
 - Of Their Spiritual Ability!
 - John 6:63 - "It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life!"
 - Martin Luther - Notes In The Margin Of His Bible - "And That Nothing Is Not A Little Something!"
- * Regeneration From God By The Holy Spirit Is Absolutely Necessary!
 - And Nothing Short Of "Amazing Grace" Will Provide Men This "New Genesis"! Just Look At Who We Really Are, Apart From Christ!

2. ***The Illustrations Of Regeneration By The Holy Spirit!***

- The Bible Is Also Very Vivid In Showing What Regeneration Is Like!
 - So We Can See That It Is Not Simply:
 - A Renewal! A Refreshing! A Reform!
 - Regeneration Is Something Entirely New!
 - Regeneration Is A New Creation!
 - Before The First Creation, There Was Nothing!
 - Genesis 1:2 - "And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters!"
 - But The Holy Spirit Was There!
 - Especially Regarding Man!
 - Genesis 2:7 - "And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul!"
 - When Adam Sinned, He Sinned As The Representative Head Of The Entire Human Race!
 - 1 Corinthians 15:22 - "For as *in* Adam all die!"
 - The Sinful Seed Of Adam Is In Each One Of Us!
 - The Punishment Of Adam Is Upon Each Of Us!
 - There Needs To Be A New Creation!
 - This Is Done By The Regeneration Of The Holy Spirit!
 - Ezekiel 36:26 - "A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh!"
 - Regeneration Is A New Birth!
 - Before Birth – Before Conception, There Is No Life!
 - When Adam Sinned, His Life Would End In Death!
 - No Doubt About It!
 - Romans 6:23 - "For the wages of sin is death!"
 - Hebrews 9:27 - "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment!"
 - There Needs To Be A New Birth!
 - So There Can Be New Life In Christ!
 - This Is Done By The Regeneration Of The Holy Spirit!
 - John 3:3-8 - "Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. 4 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? 5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. 8 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit!"
 - Regeneration Is A New Life!
 - The Only Reason Someone Needs To Experience A Resurrection, Is If They Are Dead!
 - We've Already Seen That People Are Spiritually Dead! We Need A Spiritual Resurrection!

- There Needs To Be A New Life!
 - Imparted To Spiritually Dead, Lifeless Sinners!
 - This Is Done By The Regeneration Of The Holy Spirit!
 - Romans 8:11 - "But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you!"

* Only Regeneration From God By The Holy Spirit Gives Us What We Need!

- What An "Amazing Grace!"
- That God Makes "All Things New" Through Regeneration!

3. *The Results Of Regeneration By The Holy Spirit!*

- You Are A New Creation!
 - 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!"
 - You Are Given Forgiveness!
 - Colossians 2:13-14 - "And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; 14 Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross!"
 - You Are A Trophy Of His Grace!
 - Ephesians 2:5-7 - "Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) 6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: 7 That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus!"
- * Apart From The Regeneration Of The Holy Spirit – You Cannot Be Saved!

Conclusion:

1. This Is One Of The Primary Works Of The Holy Spirit In A Christian's Life!
 - And It Shows Us How Amazing God's Grace Truly Is!
2. Because Even Our Salvation Is "Not By Might, Nor By Power, But By My Spirit, Saith The Lord Of Hosts!"
 - And We Can Praise God That Through His Spirit:
 - We Are A New Creation!
 - We Have A New Birth!
 - We Have A New Life!
3. 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!"

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