

Systematic Theology session 40
Redeemed, Part 9

- The *ordo salutis* (order of salvation):
 - 0: Election
 - 1a: Effectual call
 - 1b: Regeneration
 - 2a: Repentance unto life
 - 2b: Faith in Jesus Christ
 - 3a: Justification
 - 3b: Definitive sanctification
 - 3c: Adoption
 - 4a: Progressive sanctification
 - 4b: Perseverance in holiness
- The need for regeneration.
 - The desperate state of the natural heart (Job 14:1-4; Jeremiah 13:23).
- The definition of regeneration.
 - Geerhardus Vos: “an immediate re-creation of the sinful nature by God the Holy Spirit and an implanting into the body of Christ.”
 - The “immediate” aspect of regeneration: we are passive in regeneration, God alone accomplishes regeneration. “Immediate” means that God does this directly.
 - The “re-creation” aspect of regeneration: the new birth is a new creation (Ezekiel 11:17-20).
 - The heart as being the core of our nature and being.
 - The heart as being like the headwaters of three streams: the mind, the will, and the affections (Proverbs 4:23).
 - The old heart as being corrupt, resulting in the pollution and corruption of what is downstream: the mind, the will, the affections (Matthew 15:19-20).
 - The divine re-creation of the heart in the new birth as the replacement of the corrupt nature with a new heart.
 - The work of regeneration as a work of God the Holy Spirit.
 - The work of regeneration as being monergistic (God alone does this work) (Ezekiel 11:19).
- Regeneration as the entry point to see or enter the kingdom of God (John 3:1-15).
 - The dual translation of the Greek word used in John 3:1-15 for “born again” as being possible to translate as “born again” or “born from above.” The ambiguity may be purposeful, since both senses are true (John 1:12-13).
 - The book of 1 Peter as stating the divine source of the new birth (1 Peter 1:3-5; 1 Peter 1:22-25).
- The divine power exercised in regeneration.
 - The immeasurable greatness of divine power toward believers (Ephesians 1:18-21).
- The error of baptismal regeneration.
 - The truth that regeneration is immediate and monergistic; there are no intermediate means that God uses, such as baptism, to work regeneration. God works alone in regeneration; we do not help, and cannot help. We are passive in regeneration.
- The fact that the new birth does not result in Christians never again sinning. The new birth provides a changed foundation, and a new disposition, leading to the ongoing divine work of sanctification.