

**“Words That Matter!”
“Regeneration: The New Birth!”
Selected Passages**

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What do you think of when you hear the word regeneration?

Biblically, the word regeneration literally means **A BIRTH** or **RENEWAL**.

- The greek word palingenesia, is made up of two root words:
“Palin” meaning **AGAIN** and
“Genesia” meaning **GENESIS** or **BEGINNINGS**.
- But regeneration is not of our own doing, for it is **GOD’S ACT** of making a person **SPIRITUALLY ALIVE**. (John 1:12-13; 1 John 2:29, 5:1 & 4)

So what is the nature of this regeneration?

- Through regeneration, we are **IMPLANTED**, by the Holy Spirit, with a new **DISPOSITION** in our soul.
- After regeneration, we begin to **SEE** and **HEAR** and **SEEK** after divine things.
- The Bible emphatically affirms our **NEED** for regeneration. (Romans 7:18, 8:7-8)

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A working understanding of Regeneration:

Man in his natural state is **DEAD** in trespasses and sins until he is **MADE ALIVE** by the Holy Spirit through **FAITH** in Jesus Christ.

The word “regeneration” only occurs twice in the New Testament:

- Matthew 19:28
- Titus 3:4-5

-God is at **WORK** in man’s life washing, renewing & regenerating man to who He **INTENDED** us to be before sin.

-This idea of regeneration is seen through out the Bible as:

- Having a **RENEWAL** of the mind in Romans 12:2.
- Becoming a **NEW CREATION** in 2 Corinthians 5:17.
- Being **QUICKENED** or made alive in Ephesians 2:5.
- Being **RESURRECTED** from the dead in Ephesians 2:6.

- Being **BORN AGAIN** in 1 Peter 1:23.
- And passing from **DEATH** to **LIFE** in 1 John 3:14.

Regeneration is not just a New Testament **CONCEPT**.
(Deuteronomy 30:6; Jeremiah 31:31-34)

Four truths about regeneration that will help us on our journey:

1. Regeneration is **NECESSARY**. (John 3:1-9; Ephesians 2:1; 1 Peter 1:23; 1 John 3:9, 4:7, 5:1, 4 & 18)
2. Regeneration happens at **SALVATION**. (John 1:12-13; 2 Corinthians 5:18-20; Galatians 4:5; Ephesians 4:30)
3. The result of regeneration is **PEACE & NEW LIFE** with God. (Romans 5:1, 6:4)
4. Regeneration begins the process of **SANCTIFICATION**. (Romans 8:28)