

The Gospel Is Not Involved In Regeneration

- I. This study treats of regeneration as an integral part of the eternal salvation of sinners which is the work of God alone and does not depend upon the gospel.
 - A. regeneration: The action of regenerating; the process or fact of being regenerated; re-creation, re-formation, etc.
 - B. regenerate: In religious use; to cause to be born again in a spiritual sense; to invest with a new and higher spiritual nature.

- II. The *condition of man* precludes it.
 - A. The gospel cannot help those who are dead. **GEN 2:17; EPH 2:1-3; COL 2:13; 1CO 2:14.**
 - B. The gospel cannot help those who think it is foolishness. **1CO 1:18.**
 - C. The gospel cannot help those who cannot see it. **JOH 3:3.**
 - D. The gospel cannot help those who cannot hear it. **JOH 8:43.**
 - E. The gospel cannot help those who cannot or will not understand it. **JOH 8:43; ROM 3:11.**
 - F. The gospel cannot help those who will not seek God. **ROM 3:11; PSA 14:2-3.**
 - G. The gospel cannot help those without any fear of God. **ROM 3:18; PSA 36:1.**
 - H. The gospel cannot help those who cannot be subject to it. **ROM 8:7.**
 - I. The gospel cannot help those who cannot please God. **ROM 8:8.**
 - J. The gospel cannot help those at war with the Spirit. **GAL 5:17.**
 - K. The gospel cannot help those whose minds are blinded by Satan. **2CO 4:3-4.**
 - L. The gospel cannot help those that do not have any faith. **PSA 10:4; HEB 11:6.**
 - M. The gospel cannot help those who are beyond any reformation. **ISA 26:10.**
 - N. The gospel cannot help even if one risen from the dead preached it. **LUK 16:31.**

- III. The *denial of man's involvement* precludes it.
 - A. Scripture denies man's will in regeneration. **JOH 1:13; 3:8; 5:21.**
 - B. Scripture denies man's ability to please God. **ROM 8:8.**
 - C. Scripture denies any works by man. **ROM 9:11, 16; EPH 2:9; 2TI 1:9; TIT 3:5.**
 - D. Scripture denies any activity contrary to grace. **ROM 4:4; 11:6; EPH 2:5.**

- IV. The *results of regeneration* preclude it.
 - A. Faith results from regeneration. **ACT 18:27; GAL 5:22; JOH 1:12-13.**
 - B. Any activity toward God is the result of regeneration. **PHIL 2:13; 1JO 2:29.**
 - C. We were regenerated for good works, not because of them. **EPH 2:10; 4:24.**
 - D. Ability to hear God's words with understanding is by regeneration. **JOH 8:43-47.**
 - E. Faith and works are evidence. **1JO 2:29; 4:7; 5:1; HEB 11:1.**

- V. The *means of regeneration* preclude it.
- A. Regeneration is ascribed to God. **JOH 1:13; 2CO 4:6; 1PE 1:3.**
 - B. Regeneration is ascribed to the Son. **JOH 5:21; 17:2; 1PE 1:23.**
 - C. Regeneration is ascribed to the Spirit of God. **JOH 3:8; 6:63.**
- VI. The *purpose of the gospel* precludes it.
- A. The gospel reveals the power of God to those already saved. **1CO 1:18, 24.**
 - B. The gospel brings life and immortality to light. **2TI 1:10.**
 - C. The gospel is to give men assurance of eternal life. **1JO 5:13.**
 - D. The gospel is to convert men from error to the truth. **JAM 5:19-20 c/w LUK 15:32.**
 - E. The gospel is to give saints fellowship with God and His Son. **1JO 1:1-5; 2:12.**
- VII. The *examples of regeneration* preclude it.
- A. John the Baptist was regenerated before birth. **LUK 1:15, 44; ROM 8:14.**
 - B. Cornelius was regenerated before hearing the gospel. **ACT 10:2-4, 34-35; 1PE 3:12.**
 - C. Lydia's heart was opened *before* rather than *by* the gospel. **ACT 16:14.**
 - D. God had much people in Corinth who needed the gospel. **ACT 18:10.**
 - E. The elect, unbelieving portion of Israel. **ROM 11:28.**
- VIII. The *glory of God* precludes it.
- A. Regeneration, an integral part of salvation, is all of God. **1CO 1:26-31.**
 - B. God will not allow men to boast or to obligate Him. **ROM 3:27; 4:4; EPH 2:9.**
- IX. *Logic* precludes it.
- A. The gospel cannot be necessary for regeneration since regeneration is needed to believe it.
 - B. The gospel cannot be the means of regeneration since regeneration must occur before belief.
 - C. The gospel cannot be invariably involved in regeneration since God regenerates without it.
- X. The gospel is a declaration of God's power in saving sinners.
- A. It declares Christ as having the power and having done the saving.
JOH 17:2; ROM 5:19; HEB 1:3; 9:12, 26; 10:14.
 - B. It declares regeneration as God's work alone. **JOH 3:8; 6:63; ROM 8:29-30.**
 - C. It declares that believers of the gospel may conclude they are the regenerated objects of God's saving power. **JOH 5:24; 8:47; 1JO 5:1.**
 - D. The gospel gives God all the glory in saving sinners and charges men to do likewise.
1 CO 1:26-31.