

Bible Study
Topic: The Bible in the Wesleyan Heritage
Lesson #6: Vital Bible Doctrines, Part Four
“The Doctrine of Regeneration” Key Verse: Titus 3:5

Proposition: Regeneration is what God does in the life of the believer when He or She experiences salvation; God gives him/her a new birth.

1. The Necessity of Regeneration

- a. It is necessary in order to enter the Kingdom of God (John 3:3-7)
- b. It is necessary in order to understand spiritual things (1 Corinthians 2:14)
- c. It is necessary in order to receive spiritual gifts. (1 Corinthians 12:7; Ephesians 4:7-8)

2. The Meaning of Regeneration

- a. It is experiencing *a new birth* (John 3:3-7)
- b. It is receiving *a new heart* (Ezekiel 36:25-27)
- c. It is receiving a *new nature*; the very nature of God (2 Peter 1:4; John 3:9)

3. The Process of Regeneration

- a. It begins with spiritual conception
 - i. The *conviction* of the Holy Spirit (John 16: 8-9)
 - ii. An *appetite for* truth about salvation and righteousness (Matthew 5:6)
 - iii. The *fruit of genuine repentance* is evidenced (Matthew 3:8)
- b. It results in a new birth as real as that of physical birth
 - i. The Holy Spirit is *the Agent* (John 3:8)
 - ii. The Word of God is *the Instrument* (James 1:18; 1 Peter 1:23)
- c. It is made possible by the Grace of God (Titus 3:5)
- d. It is experienced only by those who exercise saving faith (Ephesians 2:8-9)
- e. It is evidenced by a life of good works (Ephesians 2:10; James 2:14-20)