

REDEEMED Series Road Map

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Redeemed #19 – Regeneration Part 3

When Does Regeneration Happen?

Option 1: Are you born again – meaning regenerated – and then you have faith to believe?

Option 2: Do you believe first, then based upon your faith God regenerates you?

John Murray:

It should be specially noted that even faith that Jesus is the Christ is the effect of regeneration. This is, of course, a clear implication of John 3:3-8. But John the apostle here takes pains to make that plain. Regeneration is the beginning of all saving grace in us, and all saving grace in exercise on our part proceeds from the fountain of regeneration. We are not born again by faith or repentance or conversion; we repent and believe because we have been regenerated. No one can say in truth that Jesus is the Christ except by regeneration of the Spirit and that is one of the ways by which the Holy Spirit glorifies Christ. The embrace of Christ in faith is the first evidence of regeneration and only thus may we know that we have been regenerated. (John Murray, *Redemption Accomplished and Applied*, p103).

Other Views: (According to Louis Berkhof in *Systematic Theology* p476-479)

- Pelagian view

- Baptismal Regeneration
 - Catholics
 - Anglicans
 - Lutherans

 - Schleiermacher view

- Liberalism

- Arminian View

Order of Salvation Matters

Reformed/Calvinistic order of salvation:

1. Unconditional Election/Predestination
2. Total Depravity (man is dead & unable to save themselves)
3. Atonement (limited to elect)
4. Calling (effectual to the elect)
5. Regeneration/Union with Christ/Indwelling of Holy Spirit
6. Faith & Repentance
7. Justification, sanctification, adoption
8. Sanctification, Assurance, Perseverance
9. Glorification

Arminian Order of Salvation:

1. Atonement (universal)
2. Prevenient grace (calling, convicting, illuminating, enabling)
3. Repentance & faith (enabled by prevenient grace) & Election for all who believe in him
4. Regeneration, justification, adoption, union with Christ, indwelling of the Holy Spirit
5. Sanctification
6. Glorification

Monergism vs Synergism

Monergism

1Pet. 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

Col. 2:13 And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses,

Eph. 2:5 even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—

Synergism

Martin Luther wrote: If grace depends on our cooperation, then it is no longer grace.

Rev. 3:20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.

Rev. 3:14 “And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write: ‘The words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of God’s creation. 15 “ ‘I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! 16 So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth. 17 For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. 18 I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire, so that you may be rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself and the shame of your nakedness may not be seen, and salve to anoint your eyes, so that you may see. 19 Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent. 20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me. 21 The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne. 22 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.’”

Acts 16:14 One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul.

Rom. 10:9 because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

1Cor. 12:3 Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says “Jesus is accursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except in the Holy Spirit.

1Cor. 2:12 Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. **13** And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual. **14** The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.

Eph. 2:8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, **9** not a result of works, so that no one may boast. **10** For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Synergism & Prevenient Grace

“prevenient grace is that influence which precedes our action, and gives us the capacity to will and to do right, enlightening the intellect, and exciting the sensibility.” (Matthew Barret, Salvation by Grace, p216)

Conclusion

Definition by Matthew Barrett:

Regeneration is the work of the Holy Spirit to unite the elect sinner to Christ by breathing new life into that dead and depraved sinner so as to raise him from spiritual death to spiritual life, removing his heart of stone and giving him a heart of flesh, so that he is washed, born from above, and now able to repent and trust in Christ as a new creation. Moreover, regeneration is the act of God alone and therefore it is monergistic in nature, accomplished by the sovereign act of the Spirit apart from and unconditioned upon man’s will to believe. In short, man’s faith does not cause regeneration but regeneration causes man’s faith. (Matthew Barrett, Salvation by Grace, p127)