Becoming a Child of God

Titus 3:3-7

I. The Explanation of Regeneration

A. What regeneration is not.

- 1. It is not reformation.
- 2. It is not confirmation.
- 3. It is not through church ordinances.

B. What regeneration is.

- 1. It is a new birth.
 - John 3:3-6
- 2. It is the giving of new life.
 - Ephesians 2:1
 - Colossians 2:13
- 3. It is a new creation.
 - II Corinthians 5:17
 - A creation of a new nature
 - II Peter 1:4

II. The Necessity of Regeneration

- John 3:7
- A. It is a necessity declared by the Lord Himself.
- B. The necessity is absolute and is universally binding.

III. The Composition of Regeneration

- A. The Divine Work
 - John 1:11-13

- 1. It is a supernatural birth.
 - a. Not of man (v. 13)

Threefold denial of any human source

- > not of blood
- > nor of the will of the flesh
- > nor of the will of man
- b. Solely of God but of God
- 2. It is produced by the Word of God.
 - I Peter 1:23
 - James 1:18

B. The Human Element

- John 1:12
- 1. But as many as received him
- 2. To them that believe on his name
 - Galatians 3:26

IV. The Results of Regeneration

A. A New hope

- I Peter 1:3-5
- 1. A living hope (v. 3)
 - Ephesians 2:12
- 2. A future hope (v. 4)

To an inheritance:

- Colossians 1:12
- 3. A lasting Hope (v. 5)

B. A spiritual transformation

- Acts 26:18
- Colossians 1:12-13