

The Necessity of Regeneration by the Holy Spirit for Salvation

Je 17:9-10 (NKJV) — 9 “The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked; Who can know it? 10 I, the Lord, search the heart, I test the mind, Even to give every man according to his ways, According to the fruit of his doings.

Jn 3:1-6 (NKJV) — 1 There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. 2 This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, “Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him.” 3 Jesus answered and said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.” 4 Nicodemus said to Him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” 5 Jesus answered, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

1. Why does the Bible say that all humans are born in sin? (Psalm 51:5, Romans 3:10, Isaiah 64:6)
2. What does it mean that our righteousness is like filthy rags before God? (Isaiah 64:6)
3. Why does God command us to be holy as He is holy? (Leviticus 11:44-45, 1 Peter 1:15-16)
4. How does Adam’s sin affect all humanity? (Romans 5:12, 1 Corinthians 15:22)
5. Why does being born in the flesh separate us from God? (Ephesians 2:1-3, Genesis 6:3)
6. What does the Bible say about the carnal mind’s inability to please God? (Romans 8:7-8)
7. How does the Holy Spirit resurrect us from spiritual death? (Ephesians 2:1, Colossians 2:13)
8. What did Jesus mean when He said, "You must be born again"? (John 3:3-7)
9. How does the Holy Spirit give us a new heart and spirit? (Ezekiel 36:26-27)

10. What does it mean to be born of God and not of flesh? (John 1:12-13)
11. Why is regeneration solely the work of the Holy Spirit and not of human effort? (Titus 3:5, John 6:63)
12. What is the difference between being born of the first Adam and being born of the second Adam (Christ)? (1 Corinthians 15:45-49)
13. How does the Holy Spirit empower us to live a righteous life? (Romans 8:9-11, Galatians 5:16-17)
14. How does the renewed mind transform a believer's life? (Romans 12:2, 1 Corinthians 2:12-14)
15. What are the signs of true regeneration in a believer's life? (2 Corinthians 5:17, Galatians 5:22-23)
16. How does the Holy Spirit convict us when we do wrong? (John 16:7-8)
17. Why is holiness the mark of true regeneration? (Hebrews 12:14, 1 Peter 1:16)
18. How does the Holy Spirit help us to reject the desires of the flesh? (Galatians 5:24-25, Colossians 3:1-3)
19. What does it mean that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God? (1 Corinthians 15:50)
20. How can we renew our minds daily to walk in the Spirit? (Romans 8:5, Colossians 3:2)