

## **Regeneration—Born Again**

1. Two levels of life: physical and spiritual (1 Tim. 5:6; Jn. 3:1-6).
  - a. Physically conceived then born.
  - b. Spiritually conceived then born.
    - i. Gospel (1 Pet. 1:23, 25 ♀) + Father's seed (1 Jn. 3:9 ♂).
    - ii. Convicting work of the Holy Spirit
  - c. This process is regeneration. Being born again is the result. There are two words for regeneration: one having the connotation of being born again as opposed to original physical birth (1 Pet: 1:3, 23); one having the connotation of a completed new birth (Tit. 3:5 *cf.* Mt. 19:28).
2. Chronological order of regeneration—being born again.
  - a. Gospel preached (Rom. 1:16; 10:14).
  - b. Conviction, reproving work of the Holy Spirit (Jn. 16:8; 2 Cor. 4:3-4).
  - c. Given gift of faith by the Holy Spirit (Phil. 1:29; 1 Cor. 3:5; Gal. 3:22; Eph. 2:8).
  - d. Belief in the saving quality of the Gospel (1 Cor. 15:1-4).
    - i. Believe a verb = faith a noun (Rom. 3:3; 3:22; 4:5; 4:11; 2 Cor. 4:13; Gal. 2:16; 3:22; Heb. 11:6; 1 Pet 1:21).
    - ii. Belief not works (Rom. 4:2, 6; 9:11; 11:6; Gal. 2:11; 3:2; Eph. 2:9; Tit. 3:5)
    - iii. Believing the Gospel is obedience (Rom. 11:16; 16:26)
3. Logical order at initial, past tense salvation.
  - a. Regeneration
  - b. Baptism of the Holy Spirit
  - c. Indwelling
  - d. Sealing
  - e. Anointing
  - f. Earnest
  - g. Firstfruit