

Lesson 11: Born of the Spirit

John 3:1-21

Regeneration

Origin of the term:

palin-genesis

- Matthew 19:28
- Titus 3:5

Regeneration

Definition of the term:

a secret act of God in which He imparts new spiritual life to us.

Introduction (p. 3)

- The Father originated. . .
- The Son executed. . .
- The Holy Spirit applies. . .

. . .the redemptive plan.

Five Points of Calvinism

- T - Total Depravity
- U - Unconditional Election
- L - Limited Atonement
- I - Irresistible Grace
- P - Perseverance of the Saints

Westminster Confession of Faith

Chapter 10—Of Effectual Calling

“All those whom God hath predestinated unto life, and those only, He is pleased, in His appointed and accepted time, effectually to call, by His Word and Spirit, out of that state of sin and death, in which they are by nature, to grace and salvation, . . .effectually drawing them to Jesus Christ: yet so, as they come most freely, being made willing by His grace.”

Which Comes First?

- Regeneration -> Faith
- Faith -> Regeneration

Statement of Faith of The Evangelical Free Church of America

Article 8

“We believe that the true Church is composed of all such persons who *through saving faith* in Jesus Christ *have been regenerated* by the Holy Spirit and are united together in the body of Christ of which He is the head.”