



DATE: 20 October 2024 AM
TEXT: Titus 3:5 | others
TITLE: Jargon

noun: special words used by a particular group; difficult for others to understand

But after that the kindness and love of God our Savior toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

Titus 3:4-5

INTRODUCTION

- in this series, we have attempted to define words related to our experience of salvation:

REDEMPTION

REMISSION

IMPUTATION

JUSTIFICATION

- this morning, as we conclude this series, we want to define the word **REGENERATION**

= **literally, to be born again**

re = again

generate = genesis; birth

John 3:3

Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

- the English word *regeneration* appears only twice in our King James Bible:

Matthew 19:28

And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

here, it is used **PROVINCIALY**, as a reference to that time when all the earth will be born again and Christ will sit on His throne in the Millennial Kingdom

Titus 3:5

not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

here, Paul used the word **PERSONALLY**, to explain what happens to every believer at the moment of salvation...they become born again

- it is this usage we want to examine and understand this morning...**WHY** and **HOW** a person becomes born again as a child of God

John 1:12-13

But as many as *received* him, to them gave he power to *become* the sons of God, even to them that *believe* on his name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

believe...receive...become

NOTE: once again, there is so much to learn in this concept that we will continue our thoughts in tonight's message

1. BIBLICAL DEFINITION (believe)

Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God...that which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

John 3:3 (6-7)

Nicodemus was a knowledgeable teacher among the Jews in Jesus' day **verses 1, 10**

he believed Jesus was sent by God because of the miracles He performed **verse 2**

but he didn't understand the reasons for these miracles or the power behind them

so Jesus began, not by answering Nicodemus' many questions...He began with the new birth

unlike Nicodemus, who asked **HOW**, we begin by asking **WHY**

Why do I have to be born again?

because the person you are is not fit to live in Heaven with an all-holy God

see **Titus 1:10-13a** where Paul is writing to Titus, the pastor of the church on the island of Crete

in this passage, Paul described the people Titus had to deal with

Titus 3:3

For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another.

here, Paul reminded Titus that **WE** were like the Cretans before God saved us...*regenerated* us **vs 4-5**

compare Paul's descriptions of other believers
in other churches before they got saved

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

Ephesians 2:1-3

we need to be *born again* because there is none
righteous...there is none that understands or even
seeks after God

Romans 3:10-12

As it is written, There is none righteous, no,
not one: there is none that understandeth,
there is none that seeketh after God. They are
all gone out of the way, they are together
become unprofitable; there is none that
doeth good, no, not one.

**that spiritual process whereby God
imparts to the believing sinner a
new nature**

Paul goes on to explain the **HOW** of regeneration:

A. By The Washing Of Regeneration

washing, as Paul uses it here, means "to take
a bath"

it is the Greek word *loutron*

it has nothing to do with baptism,
which is an entirely different word

baptizo = to immerse

Paul is making a reference to a baby that is
born and then washed from the debris of its
mother, etc.

it is the cleansing of salvation...the
washing away of sins

Ephesians 5:25-26

Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word...

1 John 1:7

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

B. THE RENEWING OF THE HOLY GHOST

when God created Adam, He breathed into him the breath of life, and he became a living soul

Genesis 2:7

And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

because of Adam's sin, he was unfit to house the Spirit of God

Romans 5:12

Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

Titus 3:5b-7 by being born again, the believer is fit to have the Spirit of God dwelling in him

1 Corinthians 15:45

And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.

Ephesians 1:12-14

...who first trusted in Christ...after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.