

Get Freedom,
Give Freedom



The Search for Significance
and Beyond

Ch 10: God's Answer Regeneration

I am absolutely
complete in Christ.

Review: The Satanic Equation

My Self-Worth =

my performance + other's opinions of me

$$SW = MP + OO$$

Shame says: I am what I am. I cannot change. I am hopeless.

Regeneration says: I am absolutely complete in Christ.

Questions

Which is more powerful: your sin or God's ability to overcome your sin?

Can man's sin be superior to Christ's payment for that sin?

Regeneration Example - Zaccheus

- Luke 19:1-10
- Tax collector despised for overtaxing the people
- Pledged to give $\frac{1}{2}$ his possessions to the poor and pay back 4 times the amount he cheated people
- Can you share any examples of similar transformation in your own life?

The Truth of Regeneration

- It is the renewing work of the Holy Spirit
- More than swapping standards; it is a new birth
- “We experience what Jesus called a new birth (John 3:3-6), a Spirit-wrought renewal of the human spirit, a transforming resuscitation that takes place so that the Spirit is alive within us (Rom. 8:10).” (p. 106)
- This is true; even if we do not feel it!

Looking for Completeness in All the Wrong Places

- Success
- Approval of Others
- Prestige
- Appearance
- Which have you used?
- “Be careful that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit based on human tradition, based on the elemental forces of the world, and not based on Christ.” Col. 2:8

We are New, but We Still Stumble

- Change is not instantaneous in the full realm of our performance
- We must “choose to act in ways that reflect our new lives and values in Christ.” (p. 107)
- Ephesians 4:22-24

New and Unique

- “In a different and special way, each believer has the capability to shine forth the light of God. No two will reflect light in exactly the same way.” (p. 108)
- Truth Card Declaration

Potential Obstacle to Receiving Truth

- We only believe what we see, and we don't see a difference in our lives
- Remember that we are easily deceived and God is not
- Choose to believe Him

Paraphrasing Truth Exercise

- Pages 109 to 113
- Which is your favorite? Why?
- Which is hardest for you to believe? Why?
- What can help you move forward in believing the truth of regeneration more so that you are no longer enslaved to your shame?

Reviewing the 4 Truths

- Because of justification, you are **completely forgiven** and **fully pleasing** to God. You no longer have to *fear failure*.
- Because of reconciliation, you are **totally accepted** by God. You no longer have to *fear rejection*.

Reviewing the 4 Truths

- Because of propitiation, you are **deeply loved** by God. You no longer have to *fear punishment*, nor do you have to *punish others*.
- Because of regeneration, you have been made brand-new, **complete** in Christ. You no longer need to experience the pain of *shame*.

Small Group Discussion Time

Next Steps

- Keep praying for the Spirit's work in your heart and mind
- Read Chapter 11 and work through Step 11
- Next meeting:
 - April 8th