

Day 1 – Regeneration

The Baptist Faith and Message says this with regard to the doctrine of salvation:

“Salvation involves the redemption of the whole man, and is offered freely to all who accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, who by His own blood obtained eternal redemption for the believer. In its broadest sense, salvation includes regeneration, justification, sanctification, and glorification. There is no salvation apart from personal faith in Jesus Christ as Lord.”

This week we will be looking to the scriptures to shape our thinking with regard to the various components of salvation.

Read *John 6:35-71*.

Regeneration is just a fancy way of saying “new life.” The reason that the Baptist Faith and Message arranges these things in this order is that the work of the Spirit is required to bring us to a right understanding of our sin and to illuminate the glorious truth of the gospel.

Jesus says some really significant things in this passage regarding the work of the Lord, and specifically the Spirit, in bringing sinners to faith in Christ.

- According to verse 37, who are the “ones” who will come to faith in Christ?
(All that the Father gives to Christ)
- How does Jesus restate this truth in verse 45?
(Everyone who has been taught by the Father will come to Christ)
- According to verses 61-63, how does God do this work of teaching those who will come to faith in Christ?
(The Spirit gives life; the flesh is no help at all)

So, we need the Spirit to move in the lives of unbelievers to give them new life and draw them into repentance and belief.

We know from Romans 1:16 and Romans 10:17 that no one can come to faith in Christ if they don’t hear the gospel. So, we know that we must be faithful to share the gospel with the lost.

- How then does this understanding of regeneration being a work of the Spirit shape our approach to sharing the gospel?
(We need to be faithful to evangelize, but also to pray that the Spirit would bring about new life so that the lost will be able to hear the truth.)

Close in prayer.