

Christian Students Association Bible Study

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REGENERATED THROUGH THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST CONVEYED IN THE LIVING WORD TO BE GOD'S SONS BROUGHT INTO GLORY

1 Peter 1:3: "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has regenerated us unto a living hope **through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,**"

1 Peter 1:23: "Having been regenerated not of corruptible seed but of incorruptible, **through the living and abiding word of God."**

- I. In the writings of the apostle Peter, there are many hidden riches concerning the our regeneration through the resurrection of Christ (1 Pet. 1:3; 23).
 - A. In 1 Peter 1:3, Peter says that we were regenerated through the resurrection of Christ. But in verse 23 of the same chapter Peter says that we were regenerated through the living word of God.
 - B. It seems that there are two ways to be regenerated: through the resurrection of Christ and through the living word. Although they seem to be two different ways, they are actually one way.
 - C. The resurrection of Christ is the fact, and the living word of God is the description of that fact. These two things are actually one thing.
 - D. Without the resurrection of Christ, the gospel has no content. But without the preaching of the gospel, the speaking of the living word that conveys the resurrection of Christ, no one would know about this resurrection.
 - E. Therefore, we must go out to reach people, to speak to people, to tell them of the resurrection of Christ. The more we preach, the more people will be regenerated.
- II. Regeneration through resurrection makes the believers the children of God and the sons of God (John 1:12).
 - A. Life by itself, without the action of regeneration, does not make us a child of God. Life must pass through the action of regeneration in order to make us a child of God.
 - B. Regeneration by the divine life makes us a child of God. First, we become children of God; then we become sons of God.

John 1:12: “But as many as received Him, **to them He gave the authority to become children of God**, to those who believe into His name,”

- III. Regenerated through resurrection for the believers to be partakers of the divine nature so that they may be glorified with the divine glory (2 Pet. 1:4; Rom. 8:30; Heb. 2:10).
- A. It is for us to be partakers of the divine nature that we were made children of God and sons of God so that we may be glorified with the divine glory. Every day we should partake of the divine nature.
 - 1. When we partake of beef, we partake of the nature of a cow. If every day we partake of beef, not only our skin but also our clothing will eventually begin to smell like a cow.
 - 2. Likewise, if we eat salmon every day continually, our entire body will smell like salmon.
 - B. Our partaking of the divine nature must be constant. Being partakers involves more than partaking in an occasional way. We must partake of the divine nature every minute. We must eat, drink, and even breathe the divine nature.
 - C. By partaking of God’s divine nature, we are glorified with the divine glory. We were regenerated through the resurrection of Christ unto a living hope (1 Pet. 1:3). This hope is for our coming glorification. We have been justified, and we will be glorified (Rom. 8:30c). Since we are now on the way to glory, Hebrews 2:10 tells us that God is leading us, His many sons, into glory.

2 Peter 1:4: “Through which He has granted to us precious and exceedingly great promises that through these **you might become partakers of the divine nature**, having escaped the corruption which is in the world by lust.”

Romans 8:30: “And those whom He predestinated, these He also called; and those whom He called, these He also justified; and **those whom He justified, these He also glorified**.”

Hebrews 2:10: “For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and through whom are all things, **in leading many sons into glory**, to make the Author of their salvation perfect through sufferings.