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**SESSION 2 | RAISED TO LIFE: THE  
DOCTRINE OF REGENERATION**

## **I. Introduction**

- To be a Christian is to be a person in whom God, out of the abundance of his mercy and grace, has worked a decisive, life-giving miracle.

## **II. Human Nature and Our Innate Spiritual Disposition**

- We are dead in trespasses and sins
  - Ephesians 2:1-3: “And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.”
- Our inability to respond to the call of the Gospel
  - John 6:44: “No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him.”

- Romans 8:7: The mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law, indeed it **cannot**."
- Doctrine: We, along with all people from all times and in all places are born spiritually dead, live in bondage to sin, and are thus incapable of turning from our sin and responding to the call of the Gospel.

### III. The Doctrine of Regeneration

- John 3:1-9: The Necessity and Nature of Regeneration
  - i. Ezekiel 36:24-47: I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.
  - ii. How the Spirit of God openeth upon the mind, how it is that he renews the faculties and imparts fresh desires by which those faculties should be guided, how it is that he enlightens the understanding, subdues the will, purifies the intellect, reverses the desire, lifts up the hope, and puts the fear of God in its right channel, we cannot tell, we must leave this among the secret things which belong unto God. -Charles Spurgeon
- Regeneration and Gospel Proclamation
  - 1 Peter 1:23: Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God.

- A full true confession of Jesus Christ as Lord is only possible by the work of the Holy Spirit through exposure to the written revelation, the external Scripture which He authored and accompanied by the internal heart work by which he regenerates, illuminates, and sanctifies. -John MacArthur
  
- 1 Thess. 1:4-5: For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit with full conviction.
  
- Regeneration Changes Lives
  - 1 John 3:9: No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him; and he cannot keep on sinning, because he has been born of God.

## **IV. Conclusion**

- The new life is not implanted because man perceives the truth, but he perceives the truth because the new life is implanted. A man is not regenerated because he has first believed in Christ, but he believes in Christ because he has been regenerated. He is not regenerated because he first repents, but he repents because he has been regenerated. -William Shedd
  
- John 3:16: For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, so that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life