

DISCIPLINE 1 [THE HEART]

God's Transformation of Man

FROM UNREGENERATE TO HEAVENLY: THE STATES AND EVENTS IN A BELIEVER'S LIFE [PART 1]

Chart Summary: This chart summarizes the three states of a believer's transformation via two radical events: regeneration and resurrection.

- “Without Christ” = **THE UNREGENERATE MAN** (Unmixed, sinful condition):
“Unrighteous” [**Romans 8:5-8** the mind of the spiritually dead man]
 - The condition of the unregenerate man is characterized by:
 - **Ephesians 2:1-3; 12** dead in sin, walks in sins, lives in the lusts of his flesh, child of wrath, no hope, without God
 - **Colossians 1:13-14** in domain of darkness
 - **Titus 3:3** foolish, disobedient, deceived, enslaved to lusts & pleasures, spends life in malice & envy, hateful, hates others
 - **Colossians 1:21** alienated from God, hostile toward God, engaged in evil deeds
 - **Romans 6:17-23** slave to sin, slave to impurity & lawlessness, resulting in further lawlessness, penalty is death
 - **Ephesians 4:17-19** mind is futile, darkened understanding, excluded from life of God, gives himself over to sensuality, practices impurity
 - **Philippians 3:18-19** enemy of the cross, end is destruction, his god is his appetite, glories in his shame, sets his mind of earthly things
 - **Romans 5:6-10** helpless, ungodly, sinner, needs rescue from God's wrath, needs justification, enemy of God, needs reconciliation
 - Key descriptions of this old condition:
 - An unmixed sinful condition
 - Unable to not sin; unable to please God
 - No fight within (either against sin or for Jesus)
 - Dominated by and enslaved to sin
 - Sin rules all faculties (thoughts, emotion, motives, actions)
 - Unable to shepherd his heart away from sin and to God
 - Under God's wrath and judgment



- **THE REGENERATION EVENT:** “Declared Righteous”; Emphasis on an “Event”!
 - Regeneration **EVENT** components (once for all time event, accomplished by God for the believer at conversion):
 - New birth, new life, new creation **John 3:3-8; 2 Colossians 5:17; Ephesians 2:4-5; Titus 3:4-7**
 - Positional sanctification (set apart unto God) **1 Corinthians 1:2, 30; 6:11**
 - Justification (declared righteous) **Romans 3:21-25; 5:1, 9; 1 Corinthians 6:11; Galatians 2:16, Ti 3:7**
 - Imputation (believers credited with God’s righteousness, Jesus credited with believers’ sin) **2 Corinthians 5:21; Philippians 3:9**
 - Adoption **Romans 8:14-17; Ep 1:5; Galatians 4:4-7**
 - Union with Christ **Romans 6:3-14; Galatians 2:20; Ephesians 2:5-7**
 - Expiation (sin removed) **John 1:29; Colossians 2:14; Hebrews 9:26-28**
 - Propitiation (wrath satisfied) **Romans 3:25; Hebrews 2:17; 1 John 2:1-2; 4:10**
 - Redemption (bought with Jesus’ blood) **Galatians 3:13; 4:4-5; Ephesians 1:7; Colossians 1:13-14; 1 Timothy 2:5-6; Titus 2:14**
 - Reconciliation (at peace with God) **Romans 5:10-11; 2 Corinthians 5:18-20; Colossians 1:21-22**
 - Forgiveness **Ephesians 1:7**
 - The "old man" crucified **Galatians 2:20; Romans 6:6**
 - Regeneration **EVENT** benefits (unchangeable, objective realities, secured by God for the believer at conversion):
 - Loved by God: **Colossians 3:12**
 - Indwelt by the Holy Spirit: **Romans 8:9; 1 Corinthians 6:19**
 - Indwelt by Christ: **Galatians 2:20**
 - A member of Christ’s body: **1 Corinthians 12:27**
 - Members of one another: **Romans 12:5**
 - Confident access to God: **Hebrews 4:16**
 - Under grace: **Romans 5:2, 21; 6:14**
 - Saved from God’s wrath: **Romans 5:9**
 - Free from condemnation: **Romans 8:1**
 - Unable to be separated from Christ: **Romans 8:35-39**
 - Peace with God: **Romans 5:1**
 - The fruit of the Holy Spirit: **Galatians 5:22-23**
 - Citizenship in heaven: **Philippians 3:20; Ephesians 2:6-7**



- “In Christ” - **THE REGENERATE MAN** (Mixed condition): “Being made righteous”
 - The mixed condition of regenerate man is characterized by:
 - The new identity in Christ: **1 Corinthians 1:30**
 - The fruit of the Holy Spirit: **Galatians 5:22-23; John 14:17**
 - Good works: **Ephesians 2:10; Titus 2:14**
 - An ability to obey God: **Philippians 2:1-3; Romans 5:21; 6:4; Galatians 5:16**
 - Proneness to sin: **Galatians 5:17; Hebrews 12:1-2; Revelation 2:4; Ephesians 4:30; Colossians 2:20; 2 Colossians 12:20-21**
 - Ongoing repentance: **1 John 1:8-9**
 - Ongoing faith: **Galatians 2:20**
 - Progress in Christ-likeness: **2 Corinthians 3:18; 4:16**
 - Freedom from slavery to sin: **Romans 6:6-7; 14-18**
 - Key descriptions of this **new** condition:
 - A mixed condition
 - Able to not sin; able to please God
 - A fight within (against sin and for Jesus)
 - Enslaved to God, righteousness, and obedience
 - Residual sin AND regeneration are evident in all faculties (thoughts, emotions, motives, actions)
 - Able to shepherd his heart away from sin and to God
 - Not under God's wrath or judgment
 - The mixed condition of the regenerate man requires:
 - God's relentless transformation of the believer: **2 Corinthians 4:16; Philippians 2:12-13**
 - The believer's diligent pursuit of holiness: **2 Peter 1:3-8**
 - The believer's wariness about indwelling sin: **Jeremiah 17:9; Mark 7:14-23; James 4:1-4; Proverbs 28:26**
 - The believer's serious perseverance: **2 Peter 1:10; Hebrews 3:12-14; 10:23-27**



- **THE HEAVENLY MAN** - With Christ; Unmixed, sinless condition; Made righteous
1 Corinthians 15:50-57: an imperishable body, an immortal body
 - The unmixed condition of the heavenly man is characterized by:
 - At home with the Lord: **2 Corinthians 5:8**
 - Resembles Jesus: **1 John 3:2**
 - Is seen for what he really is in Christ: **Colossians 3:4**
 - Blameless and full of joy: **Jude 24**
 - No death or sadness: **Revelation 21:4**
 - No curse or night: **Revelation 22:3,5**

- **THE DEATH and RESURRECTION / RAPTURE EVENTS**
 - **DEATH** - departing from the land of the dying and going home
 - Disintegration of inner from outer: **2 Corinthians 5:1,8**
 - Safe journey home: **2 Timothy 4:18**
 - Unseparated from Jesus: **Romans 8:38-39**
 - The believer is still alive: **John 11:25-26**
 - Often called “sleep”: **1 Thessalonians 4:13**
 - Precious to God: **Psalms 116:15**
 - Gain for the believer: **Philippians 1:21**

 - **RAPTURE** - transformation of the living into the resurrected body
 - Bypass death to be with Jesus: **1 Thessalonians 4:16-17**
 - Instantaneous physical transformation: **1 Corinthians 15:51-52**

 - **RESURRECTION** - integration of perfect inner man and glorified body
 - New physical glorified body: **1 Corinthians 15:42-48**
 - Dead in Christ first, then raptured saints: **1 Thessalonians 4:15**



- **OBSERVATIONS**

- The Christian today is no longer in the unmixed sinful condition of the old man

- The Christian today is not yet in an unmixed sinless condition with Christ

- The Christian's **POSITION** before God is **PERFECT**, but his **PRACTICE** is **PROGRESSING**



MINISTRY PASSAGES

THE WORD OF GOD

I Peter 2:2—Crave the Word

2 *like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation,*

II Peter 1:20-21—Men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke

20 *But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation,*
21 *for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.*

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Ephesians 2:1-3 —Dead in your sins

1 *And you were dead in your trespasses and sins,*
2 *in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience.*
3 *Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.*

II Corinthians 5:21—Made HIM sin

21 *He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.*

I John 3:2—We will be like Him

2 *Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is.*



WORD OF GOD PT2, NEW MAN WORKSHEET [D2]

QUESTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. Are there things you find yourself looking to as holding greater authority than scripture? Considering the authority and sufficiency of God's Word, is there anything in your thinking or actions that needs to change?
2. How does the reality of the mixed condition of the new man impact how the believer should think about shepherding his heart?
3. The presence of sin will be removed from the saint in heaven (**1 Corinthians 15:53**). How does this reality affect your desire to live a holy life here on earth?

