

Generation/De-generation/Re-generation

Generation

Gen 1:26 And God said, Let Us make man in Our image, after Our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. **27** So God created man in His *own* image, in the image of God created He him; male and female created He them. **28** And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth. **29** And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which *is* upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which *is* the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat. (*man was not to eat animal at this time**) **30** And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein *there is* life, *I have given* every green herb for meat (*animals were not to eat other animals at this time*): and it was so. **31** And God saw every thing that He had made, and, behold, *it was* very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day. (***Gen 9:1-4**)

Gen 9:1 And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, *Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth. 2* And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every fowl of the air, upon all that moveth upon the earth, and upon all the fishes of the sea; into your hand are they delivered. *3* Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat (*Heb.402-food*) for you; even as the green herb have I given you all things. *4* But flesh with the life thereof, which is the blood thereof, shall ye not eat.

- Why did God create man? God is love!

Php 2:13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of *His* good pleasure.

Isa 43:7 *Even* every one that is called by My name: for I have created him for My glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him.

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Degeneration

Gen 2:16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: **17** But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

Gen 3:17 And unto Adam He said, Because thou hast ... eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, ... not eat of it...

Gen 6:5 And GOD saw that the wickedness of man *was* great in the earth, and *that* every imagination of the thoughts of his heart *was* only evil continually. **6** And it repented the LORD (*see "The Repentance of God"*) that He had made man on the earth, and it grieved Him at His heart. **7** And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and

the fowls of the air; for it repenteth Me that I have made them. 8 But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

- Because of sin:

1. **Death- Rom 5:12** Wherefore, as by one man (*human*) sin entered into the world, and **death by sin**; and so death passed upon all men (*humans*), for that all have sinned:
2. **Labor- Gen 3:17** And unto Adam He said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed *is* the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat *of* it all the days of thy life; 18 Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; 19 **In the sweat of thy face** shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou *art*, and unto dust shalt thou return.
3. **Unrest- Isa 59:8** The way of peace they know not; and *there is* no judgment in their goings: they have made them crooked paths: whosoever goeth therein **shall not know peace**.
4. **Separation from God- Isa 59:2** But **your iniquities have separated** between **you and your God**, and your sins have hid *His* face from you, that He will not hear.

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Regeneration

G3824 παλιγγενεσία paliggenesia *pal-ing-ghen-es-ee'-ah*

From **G3825** and **G1078**; (spiritual) *rebirth* (the state or the act), that is, (figuratively) spiritual *renovation*; specifically Messianic *restoration*: - regeneration.

Mat 19:28 And Jesus said unto them, **Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed Me, in the **regeneration** when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of His glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.**

Joh 3:3 Jesus answered and said unto him, **Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be **born again**, he cannot see the kingdom of God.** 4 Nicodemus saith unto Him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? 5 Jesus answered, **Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be **born of water** (*baptism*) **and** (*of*) **the Spirit** (*according to the teaching of the Spirit, the Spirit breathed and inspired word of God*), he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.**

Tit 3:5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, by the **washing of regeneration** (*born of water*), and **renewing of the Holy Ghost** (*born of the Spirit; only daily, or at least frequent, Bible study can accomplish this*);

- Knowing man would sin, Christ was part of God's plan to save man..."before the foundation of the world." Eph 1:4

Job 37:16 Dost thou know the balancings of the clouds, the wondrous works of Him which is **perfect** (*Heb.8549-entire, complete, full*) **in knowledge?** (*see "The All Knowing God"*)

Psa 139:2 Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, Thou **understandest my thought afar off** (*Heb.7350-remote, long ago, great while to come*). 3 Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted *with* all my ways. 4 For *there is* not a word in my tongue, *but*, lo, O LORD, Thou knowest it altogether.

Pro 15:3 The eyes of the LORD *are* in every place, beholding (*Heb.6822-to lean forward, to peer into the distance*) the evil and the good.

Isa 46:5 To whom will ye liken Me, and make *Me* equal, and compare Me, that we may be like? 6 They lavish gold out of the bag, and weigh silver in the balance, *and* hire a goldsmith; and he maketh it a god: they fall down, yea, they worship. 7 They bear him upon the shoulder, they carry him, and set him in his place, and he standeth; from his place shall he not remove: yea, *one* shall cry unto him, yet can he not answer, nor save him out of his trouble. 8 Remember this, and shew yourselves men: bring *it* again to mind, O ye transgressors. 9 Remember the former things of old: for I *am* God, and *there is* none else; *I am* God, and *there is* none like Me, 10 **Declaring the end** (*Heb.319-the last or end, hence the future*) **from the beginning** (*Heb.7225-the first, in place, time, order*), and **from ancient times** (*Heb.6924-the front, of time [antiquity] aforesaid*) **the things that are not yet done**, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure:

Col 2:3 In Whom are hid **all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.**

Tit 1:1 Paul, a servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect, and the acknowledging of the truth which is after godliness; 2 In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, **promised** (*Gk.1861-to engage to do something*) **before** (*Gk.4253-in front of, prior*) **the world** (*Gk.166 from 165-age*) **began** (*Gk.5550-chronos-time*);

- Because God is holy and just, man was created a "free agent" (*with choice*). With that choice God had an offer of pardon, put in position before time, that came with the price God paid through Jesus "Who knew no sin." 2 Cor 5:21

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- God's love is:

1. **Undeserved- Rom 5:6** For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. 8

But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, **while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us** (*Zech 14:8*). **9** Much more then, being now justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. **10** For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

2. **Universal-2Pe 3:9** The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, **not willing that any should perish**, but that **all** should come to repentance.
3. **Sacrificial- Gal 1:3** Grace *be* to you and peace from God the Father, and *from* our Lord Jesus Christ, **4 Who gave Himself** for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father:
4. **Unquenchable- Rom 8:35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?** *shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?
5. **Purpose- Gal 4:4** But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the law, **5 To redeem** them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

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- **The law of Moses:**

1. **Defined sin- Rom 7:7** What shall we say then? *Is* the law sin? God forbid. Nay, **I had not known sin, but by the law:** for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet.
2. **Showed man his inability to save himself- Rom 7:24** O wretched man that I am! **who shall deliver me** from the body of this death? **25** I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.
3. **Pointed to Christ- Luk 24:44** And He said unto them, **These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning Me.**

Heb 9:12 Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by His own blood He entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption *for us*.

Col 2:13 And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath He quickened together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses; **14** Blotting out the **handwriting of ordinances** that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, **nailing it to His cross;**

- **All of time focused on Christ. Because He was tested and found perfect, God allowed Him to stand in for us...**

Isa 53:5 But He *was* wounded **for our transgressions**, *He was* bruised **for our iniquities**: the chastisement of our peace *was* upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed.

...and through His death, divine justice is satisfied.

Joh 12:48 He that rejecteth Me, and receiveth not **My words**, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, **the same shall judge him** in the last day.

Hear: Romans 10:17 ..."faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

Believe: Heb 11:6 ..."for he that commeth to God must believe that He is"...

Repent: Lk 13:3 ..."except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."

Confess: Mat 10:32 "Whosoever shall confess Me before men, him will I confess before My Father which is in Heaven."

Be baptized: Acts 2:38 ..."repent and be baptized...in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins"...

Remain faithful: Rom 6:4 ..."even so we also should walk in newness of life."

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