

The Gospel Not Involved In Regeneration (Ten Reasons Why)

- I. The **CONDITION OF MAN** precludes it. The gospel cannot help:
 - A. those who are dead. **GEN 2:17; EPH 2:1-3; COL 2:13.**
 - B. those who cannot see it. **JOH 3:3.**
 - C. those who cannot hear it. **JOH 8:43.**
 - D. those who cannot understand it. **JOH 8:43; ROM 3:11.**
 - E. those who will not seek God. **PSA 14:2-3; ROM 3:11.**
 - F. those who cannot please God. **ROM 8:8.**
 - G. those who cannot be subject to it. **ROM 8:7.**
 - H. those beyond any reformation. **ISA 26:10.**
 - I. those who are natural men only. **1CO 2:14.**
 - J. those at war with the Spirit. **GAL 5:17.**
 - K. those at war with God. **ROM 5:8; 8:7.**
 - L. those without fear of God. **ROM 3:18.**
 - M. those without faith. **HEB 11:6.**
 - N. those who think it is foolishness. **1CO 1:18.**
 - O. those whose minds are blinded by Satan. **2CO 4:3-4.**
 - P. those who never hear it. **ROM 10:14.**

- II. The **DENIAL OF MAN'S COOPERATION** precludes it.
 - A. Scripture denies man's will in regeneration. **JOH 1:13; 1JO 5:1.**
 - B. Scripture denies man's ability to please God. **ROM 8:8; PHIL 2:13.**
 - C. Scripture denies any works by man. **JOH 6:63; TIT 3:5.**
 - D. Scripture denies any activity contrary to grace. **ROM 4:4; 11:6; EPH 2:5.**
 - E. Scripture affirms only God's will and activity in it. **JOH 3:8; 5:21; JAM 1:18.**

- III. The **RESULTS OF REGENERATION** preclude it.
 - A. Faith depends upon regeneration. **ACT 18:27; GAL 5:22; EPH 1:19; PHIL 1:29.**
 - B. Any activity towards God is owing to regeneration. **PHIL 2:13; PSA 110:3.**
 - C. We were regenerated for good works, not because of them. **EPH 2:10; 4:24.**
 - D. Ability to see, hear, or know God is owing to regeneration. **JOH 3:3; 8:47; HEB 8:10-11.**
 - E. Faith and works are evidence. **ACT 10:34-35; 1JO 2:29; 3:7, 14; 4:7; 5:1, 4.**

- IV. The **MEANS OF REGENERATION** preclude it. Regeneration is:
 - A. ascribed to God the Father. **JOH 1:13; 5:21; 2CO 4:6.**
 - B. ascribed to the Son. **JOH 5:21, 25; 17:2; 1PE 1:23.**
 - C. ascribed to the Spirit. **JOH 3:8; 6:63; TIT 3:5.**

- V. The **DESCRIPTION OF REGENERATION** precludes it. It is called:
 - A. a birth. **JOH 1:13; 3:3-8; 1JO 2:29; 3:9; 4:7; 5:1, 18.**
 - B. a quickening. **EPH 2:1, 5; COL 2:13.**
 - C. a regeneration. **TIT 3:5.**
 - D. a creation. **EPH 2:10; 4:24; JAM 1:18.**
 - E. a begetting. **JAM 1:18; 1JO 5:1, 18.**
 - F. a renewing. **TIT 3:5.**
 - G. a calling. **ROM 8:30.**

- VI. The PASSIVENESS OF MAN precludes it. The regenerate:
- A. is/were born of God. **1JO 5:1; JOH 1:13.**
 - B. is begotten of God. **1JO 5:1, 18.**
 - C. are quickened by God. **EPH 2:1.**
 - D. are created by God. **EPH 2:10.**
 - E. are regenerated and renewed by God. **TIT 3:5.**
 - F. called to life by God. **2TI 1:9.**
 - G. are never described as *getting themselves* born, begotten, quickened, created, regenerated, renewed or called (in this regenerative sense).
- VII. The PURPOSE OF THE GOSPEL precludes it. The gospel:
- A. declares the total depravity of man. **ROM 3:9-19.**
 - B. reveals the power of God to those already saved. **1CO 1:18, 24.**
 - C. brings life and immortality to light. **2TI 1:10.**
 - D. is to convert men from error to the truth. **JAM 5:19-20.**
 - E. provides for fatherly forgiveness and a spiritual inheritance. **ACT 26:18.**
 - F. is to give believers assurance of eternal life. **JOH 5:24; 1JO 5:13.**
 - G. is to give believers fellowship with God. **1JO 1:1-5.**
- VIII. The EXAMPLES OF REGENERATION preclude it.
- A. John the Baptist was regenerated before birth. **LUK 1:15; ROM 8:14.**
 - B. Cornelius was regenerated before hearing the gospel. **ACT 10:2-4, 34-35.**
 - C. Lydia's heart was opened by God before the gospel. **ACT 16:14.**
 - D. Paul was called by grace before God revealed Christ in him. **GAL 1:15-16.**
 - E. Ministers are to feed God's sheep, not make them. **JOH 21:15-17.**
- IX. The ANALOGIES OF REGENERATION preclude it.
- A. A child derives his existence and nature from his father.
 - B. A child has a mind and will because he is alive.
 - C. A child acts because he is alive.
 - D. A child knows his father because he is alive.
 - E. A child trusts his loving father because he is alive.
 - F. A child has relationship and fellowship with his father because he is alive.
 - G. A child of God experiences all of these things spiritually because he is spiritually begotten of his Heavenly Father and spiritually alive. **GAL 4:6.**
 - H. **(JOH 3:6-7)** That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.
- X. The GLORY OF GOD precludes it.
- A. Regeneration is all by God's will and action to quicken, beget, regenerate, birth, call, renew, create for Himself a people who were by nature dead in sin so that He alone would be glorified in this work. **1CO 1:30-31.**
 - B. God will not allow men to boast or obligate Him. **ROM 4:4; EPH 2:9.**