

13. Regeneration

Canons 3&4:11-12, e4, e6

Regeneration

What is regeneration?

A spiritual resurrection [Eph. 2:1,5]

We become new creatures [II Cor. 5:17].

When God regenerates us, what do we receive that is new?

A new spiritual heart [Ezek. 36:26-27]

God's law is in our heart [Jer. 31:33, Ps. 40:8].

If God's law is in your heart, what do you delight to do?

You delight to do God's will [Ps. 40:8].

Which is first, regeneration or praying for deliverance from sin?

Regeneration. An unregenerate person never prays to be delivered from sin.

A spiritually dead person does not want to be delivered from sin.

Only a regenerate person has a sorrow for sin [Canons 3&4:e4]

Regeneration must precede believing the preached gospel. Why?

Only those spiritually alive will believe what is preached [Lk. 8:8,15; Acts 16:14].

An unbeliever hates God and can't submit to Him [Rom. 8:7].

What does God infuse into our heart?

Faith, obedience, and the consciousness of His love [Canons 3&4:e6].

His dead will becomes alive and he desires to please God [Canons 3&4:11].

When in an elect person's life does God regenerate him/her?

At least often this happens when the person is still in the womb.

[e. g. John the Baptist; Ps. 22:10].

Regeneration & Conversion

Does a regenerated person still have an old man?

Yes. He still has an old man out of which flows only evil [Rom. 7:18; BC 15].

What is the difference between regeneration & conversion?

Regeneration = 1st moment we receive a new heart

Conversion = Constant activity of turning away from sin and toward God.

What is meant by regeneration in the broader sense?

Broader sense includes our constant conversion [Canons 3&4:11-12]