THEOLOGICAL DEFINITIONS

06. “Regeneration”
“Rebirth and Renewal”
(As it was before the fall of Adam and Eve)

The Greek word for “regeneration is “palingenesi” pronounced “pal-ing-ghen-es-ee’-ah.” To be regenerated is to be given new life in a relationship with God that is the same as Adam and Eve had before the fall.

(Titus 3:5 NKJV) “not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,”

(Titus 3:5 NIV) “he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit,”

This is a work of the Holy Spirit. Spiritual life is given to those who were previously “dead in trespasses and sins.”

(Ephesians 2:4-5 NKJV) “But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, {5} even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),”

Through regeneration we become new creatures in Christ. Old things pass away and all things become new (2 Corinthians 5:17). We are born again (John 3:5).

Homework Assignment

Write a paragraph of 50 to 100 words on what you would tell somebody about what regeneration means to you personally.

Turn it in on a separate 8 ½ x 11 sheet at the beginning of the next class. If possible, please print this off your computer. Otherwise, a clearly handwritten paper will be accepted. Include your name, date and Theological Term at the top of the page.