

THE DOCTRINES OF OUR FAITH!

IX. OF GRACE IN THE NEW CREATION

We believe that in order to be saved, sinners must be born again; that the new birth is a new creation in Christ Jesus; that it is instantaneous and not a process; that in the new birth the one dead in trespasses and in sins, is made a partaker of the divine nature and receives eternal life, the free gift of God; that the new creation is brought about in a manner above our comprehension, not by culture, not by character, nor by the will of man, but wholly and solely by the power of the Holy Spirit in connection with divine truth, so as to secure our voluntary obedience to the gospel; that its proper evidence appears in the holy fruits of repentance and faith and newness of life.

We believe that in order to be saved, sinners must be born again; John 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." John 3:7; "Marvel not that I said unto thee, ye must be *born again*."

that the new birth is a new creation in Christ Jesus; II Corinthians 5:17; "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a *new creature*: old things are passed away; behold all things are become new." Galatians 6:15; "For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision but a *new creature*." Ill-Hughes in Hawaii;

that it is instantaneous and not a process; I John 5:12; "He that hath the Son (Jesus Christ) hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life." I John 5:1; "Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and everyone that loveth Him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of Him." Luke 5:27-28; "And after these things He (Jesus) went forth, and saw a publican, named Levi, sitting at the receipt of custom: and He said unto him Follow me. And he left all, rose up, and followed Him." Ill-Burk the Burglar;

that in the new birth the one dead in trespasses and in sins, is made a partaker of the divine nature and receives eternal life, the free gift of God; Ephesians 2:1; "And you hath He quickened (made alive) who were *dead in trespasses and sins*:" Colossians 2:13; "And you, *being dead in your sins* and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath He quickened (made alive) together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses. II Peter 1:4; "Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be *partakers of the divine nature*, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lusts." Romans 6:23; "For *the wages of sin is death*: but *the gift of God is eternal life* through Jesus Christ our Lord."

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I Corinthians 2:9-14:

not by culture, nor by character, nor by the will of man, but wholly and solely by the power of the Holy Spirit in connection with divine truth, so as to secure our voluntary obedience to the gospel; (Our salvation is of God!) John 1:12-13; "But as many as received Him (Jesus Christ), to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name: which were born, *not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.*" II Corinthians 5:18-19; "And *all things are of God, who hath reconciled (cleansed and restored) us to Himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation (bringing others to Christ); To wit (know or understand), that *God was in Christ*, reconciling (restoring to fellowship) the world unto Himself, not imputing (charging) their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation (bringing the lost to faith in Christ)."* (Our Salvation is of God through faith in Jesus Christ and is applied to our lives by the work and power of the Holy Spirit) John 3:6; "That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is *born of the Spirit is spirit.*" Ephesians 1:13-14; "In whom (Jesus Christ) ye also trusted, *after that ye heard the word of truth*, the gospel of your salvation; in whom (Jesus Christ) also after that ye believed, *ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise*, Which is the earnest (the guarantee) of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of His glory." I Corinthians 6:19; II Corinthians 1:22;

that its proper evidence (of the work of the Holy Spirit in our life) appears in the holy fruits of repentance (turning from our way [works] to God's way [dependence on Christ]) and faith (in God and His word) and newness of life. Galatians 5:22-23; "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance; against such there is no law." Ephesians 5:9; "(For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;)" Romans 6:4.

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