

Regeneration Series Session 6 – “Expect Regeneration”

I. Review

A. Regeneration defined

1. Restore – Revive – Rebuild
2. To bring forth again

B. Previous Sessions

1. God delights in restoring, rebuilding and reviving.
2. Our cooperation is required.
3. Believe for resurrection power.
4. Receiving a Rhema Word – Life in the Word.
5. Moving from Logos to Rhema.

II. Confidently Expect Regeneration

A. There are some things that are so much the nature of God that we can arrive at a place of confident expectation when it comes to those things.

1. It is His nature to Save.

I can have confident expectation that if a person calls on the Lord, they will be saved.

2. It is His nature to Heal.

His Word reveals his healing nature so much, as you meditate on what the Word says about healing, you come to expect healing to be a daily part of your life.

3. It is His nature to Bless

- a. The blessing comes from the Lord – the curse came because of the enemy.
- b. The more I know Him, the more I expect that He will bless my life.
 - All of my needs shall be supplied according to His riches in glory.
 - He will withhold no good thing from those who love him.
 - It is the Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.
 - The promises of God are Yes and Amen in Him.

B. The more I understand His nature, the more confidence I develop regarding what He will do and what He will not do.

- 1. I am confident of His goodness.
- 2. I am confident that He is not behind the evil going on in this world.
- 3. I am confident that He is for me – not against me.

C. Confidence and Regeneration

- 1. Regeneration is the nature of God.
 - a. To Restore, revive, and rebuild.
 - b. Whatever needs restoration – it is His nature to restore it.
 - c. Whatever needs to be revived – it is in His nature to revive it.
 - d. Whatever needs to be rebuilt in my life – it is His nature to rebuild it.
- 2. **Result** = I come to EXPECT this spirit of regeneration in my life no matter the circumstances – I am confident – regeneration is at work in me at all times.
- 3. There are those who do not believe that we can have confidence.
Result – they have little hope – and no confidence when trouble comes.
 - a. You never know.
 - b. Bad things happen to good people.

- c. God rains on the just and the unjust.
- d. You have to be ready – it might be your time to go through cancer, etc.
- e. THESE have absolutely NO CONFIDENCE regarding the TRUE promises of God – Their faith is built on tradition and inaccurate information that has been passed from generation to generation.
What does the Bible say?

4. Scriptures on Confidence

- a. **1 John 5:14 (NKJV)** – *Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.*

1 John 5:14-15 (AMP) – ¹⁴*This is the remarkable degree of confidence which we as believers are entitled to – have before Him. That is if we ask anything according to His will – that is consistent with His will, he heareth us. ¹⁵And if we know [for a fact, as indeed we do] that He hears and listens to us in whatever we ask, we [also] know [with settled and absolute knowledge] that we have [granted to us] the requests which we have asked from Him*

That’s Confidence

- b. **In the first chapter of the book of Philippians, Paul is continually speaking of his confidence.**

Philippians 1:6 (NKJV) – *Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ.*

Philippians 1:19 (NKJV) – *For **I KNOW** that this will turn out for my deliverance through your prayer and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ.*

Philippians 1:19 (AMP) – *For I know with confidence*

Philippians 1:25 (NKJV) – *And being CONFIDENT of this, I know*

that I shall remain and continue with you all for your progress and joy of faith.

Paul says, I have confidence – I am not going to die now – I am confident that I am going to stay for the progress of the saints.

KEY PHRASE

Philippians 1:19-20 (NKJV) – ¹⁹*For I know that this will turn out for my deliverance through your prayer and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, **according to my earnest expectation and hope** that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death.*

c. **“According to my earnest expectation and hope”**

- Paul says that his confidence is connected to his earnest expectation and hope – *bible hope is expectancy.*
- There is a connection with what we receive and what we expect.
- Paul was confident because of his great expectancy that was founded in faith upon God’s Word.
- NLT – I fully expect and hope

D. Paul’s Regeneration

Regeneration was continually at work to revive – restore and rebuild in the Apostle Paul’s life.

THE SUMMARY OF THE STORM, SHIPWRECK, SNAKE-BITE and DELIVERANCE.

1. Paul had a RHEMA WORD – A Word that was personal and Alive.

Acts 25:21-25 (NKJV) – ²¹*But after long abstinence from food, then Paul stood in the midst of them and said, “Men, you should have listened to me, and not have sailed from Crete and incurred this disaster and loss. ²²And now I urge you to take heart, for there will be*

no loss of life among you, but only of the ship. ²³For there stood by me this night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve, ²⁴saying, ‘Do not be afraid, Paul; you must be brought before Caesar; and indeed God has granted you all those who sail with you.’ ²⁵Therefore take heart, men, for I believe God that it will be just as it was told me.

- a. The storm couldn’t kill him.
- b. The shipwreck couldn’t kill him.
- c. The snake couldn’t kill him.
- d. The natives couldn’t kill him.
- e. Paul had a LIVING WORD

2. There is a Word:

- a. That can protect you.
- b. That can heal you.
- c. That can save you.
- d. That can SUSTAIN you – Keep you Alive.
- e. There is a WORD that storms cannot prevail against.
- f. There is a WORD that poison from snakes cannot kill.
- g. There is a WORD that can keep you afloat when you should drown.
- h. A Regeneration Word – that keeps giving life – Sustaining you through all things.

3. The Sustaining Word at Work

- a. **Sustain** = keep alive – keep going – stand up – to continue – carry on – bolster up – keep in existence – to preserve
- b. Paul had REGENERATION/ SUSTAINING POWER that kept him going and kept him alive.
- c. When Paul arrived, he got special treatment.
He was not removed with the rest of the passengers.

Acts 28:16 (NKJV) – *Now when we came to Rome, the centurion delivered the prisoners to the captain of the guard; but Paul was permitted to dwell by himself with the soldier who guarded him.*

- d. When Paul arrived – His accusers had failed to send their letters or complaint/charges against Paul/or they had not arrived.

Acts 28:21 (NKJV) – *Then they said to him, “We neither received letters from Judea concerning you, nor have any of the brethren who came reported or spoken any evil of you.*

NOTE: God can go before you in court – DROP THE CHARGES!

- e. **Paul gets to Preach the Gospel**

Acts 28:22-24 (NLT) – *²²But we want to hear what you believe, for the only thing we know about this movement is that it is denounced everywhere.” ²³So a time was set, and on that day a large number of people came to Paul’s lodging. He explained and testified about the Kingdom of God and tried to persuade them about Jesus from the Scriptures. Using the law of Moses and the books of the prophets, he spoke to them from morning until evening. ²⁴Some were persuaded by the things he said, but others did not believe*

- f. **The Continued Blessing of the Word**

Acts 28:28-31 (NLT) – *²⁸So I want you to know that this salvation from God has also been offered to the Gentiles, and they will accept it.” ³⁰For the next two years, Paul lived in Rome at his own expense. He welcomed all who visited him, ³¹boldly proclaiming the Kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ. And no one tried to stop him.*

- g. **Concluding Notes:**

There is more to the Apostle Paul’s life.

There is more trouble/arrest /Etc.

However – the Word that was for that season – proved to be LIFE SUSTAINING. – Paul regenerated again and again.

III. Closure/Personal Examples

- A. *I am confident of his restoration/reviving/rebuilding at work in me.*
- B. *I might be weak – I am confident that His Strength will prevail.*
- C. *I might experience sickness – I am confident His healing will arise.*
- D. *I might experience lack – I am confident that His provision will come.*
- E. *I might experience demonic attack – I am confident that the name of Jesus prevails over every demon.*
- F. *The storm might have knocked some things Down – God will rebuilt*
- G. *The unexpected might have knocked me slightly off course, I am confident my H.S. guide will put me where I am supposed to be.*
- H. **CONFIDENCE:** The Lord spoke to me about Rest
 - 1. Matthew 11:28 (NKJV) – *I will give you rest*
 - 2. Psalms 4:8 (NLT) – *In peace, I will lie down and sleep, for you alone Lord make me lie down in safety.*
 - 3. Isaiah 26:3 (NIV) – *You will keep in perfect peace those whose mind are steadfast because they trust in you.*
 - 4. His Word – produced a rest in the midst of a battle.
 - 5. His Word Sustained me – and brought me through.
 - 6. His Word kept me.
 - 7. His Word was supplying LIFE
- I. **You can rest in His Word**