

REBORN

Isaiah 55:1-7

Article 7

“Of Grace in Regeneration”

We believe that in order to be saved, sinners must be regenerated, or born again; that regeneration consists in giving a holy disposition to the mind; that it is effected in a manner above our comprehension by the power of the Holy Spirit, in connection with divine truth, so as to secure our voluntary obedience to the gospel; and that its proper evidence appears in the holy fruits of repentance and faith and newness of life.

Article 8

“Of Repentance & Faith”

We believe that repentance and faith are sacred duties and also inseparable graces, wrought in our souls by the regenerating Spirit of God; whereby being deeply convinced of our guilt, danger and helplessness, and of the way of salvation by Christ, we turn to God with unfeigned contrition, confession and supplication for mercy; at the same time heartily receiving the Lord Jesus Christ as our Prophet, Priest and King, and relying on him alone as the only and all-sufficient Savior.

You don't need a better life.
You need a new life.

1. The Necessity of Regeneration

3 Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. **2** This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” **3** Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

John 3:1–3

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...but by Spirit Initiation!!!

2. *The Nature of Regeneration*

⁴ Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵ Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’

John 3:4–8

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⁸ The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

John 3:4–8

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Mysteriously Applied*

James 1:18
1 Peter 1:23
Titus 3:5

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John 3:5–6

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17 For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

15 that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

John 3:15

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3. The Evidence of Regeneration

14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up,

15 that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

16 “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

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“Faith is the hand by which the soul
lays hold of Christ.” John Owen

Acts 11:18
Ephesians 2:8-9
Mark 1:15
2 Timothy 2:25

What we learned:

1. Being born again is impossible through Works
2. Being born again is possible through Faith alone in Christ alone
3. Being born again always produces evidence of a new life

Diagnostic Question:
Do you show signs of new life?

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