



## Introduction

We now move to the State of Grace. This is what man is after the salvific grace of God renews him.

## New Covenant

- The curse of sin came to all in Adam
- Through the blood of Christ, all in him are brought into the New Covenant
- “Man is, in respect of his spiritual state, altogether disjointed by the fall; every faculty of the soul is, as it were, dislocated: in regeneration, the Lord loosens every joint, and sets it right again.” ~ Thomas Boston

## Nature Changed

- Old Man/New Man
  - “The old man is the unregenerate man; the new man is the regenerate man created in Christ Jesus unto good works. It is no more feasible to call the believer a new man and an old man, than it is to call him a regenerate man and an unregenerate.” ~ John Murray
- Life in the Spirit
  - Flesh and Spirit are contrasted to refer to the heavenly desires and earthly or carnal desires.
  - We are in the Spirit because we are in Christ. We are no longer slaves of sin

## Change in Regeneration

- Change of qualities or dispositions
  - This is not a change in substance, but in the qualities of the soul
- Supernatural change
  - “But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,” Ephesians 2:4-6 ESV
- Into the likeness of God
  - “And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.” 2 Corinthians 3:18 ESV
- Universal change
  - It renews the whole man. Though there is not a change of substance much like a new cloth sewn into an old garment, it is still a thorough change of the man. God is renewing as much as was corrupted.
- Imperfect change



- “We must never forget that while they are in this present life believers are genuinely new but not yet totally new. They are incomplete new persons.” ~ Anthony Hoekema
- Lasting change
  - He will keep us

## **Faculties Changed**

- Mind
  - Knowledge of God
  - Knowledge of his sin
  - Knowledge of himself
  - Knowledge of Christ
  - The vanity of the world
- Will
  - Can will good things
  - A new spirit toward the good
- Affections
  - Corrects affections
  - Regulates the affections
- Conscience
  - Is enlightened