

Regeneration

Soteriology (*sōtēria* + *logos*):

The External Call

Refers to _____

A. The _____ of the External Call

Rom 1:20	For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.
Rom 1:16	For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.
Rom 10:17	So faith <i>comes</i> from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.

B. The _____ of the External Call

① The _____ of God	
Isaiah 6:3; Revelation 4:8; Leviticus 19:2; 1 Peter 1:15-16; Matthew 5:48	
② The _____ of Man	
Psalm 51:5; Ephesians 2:1,3; Romans 3:23; 5:10; 6:17,23; Ezekiel 18:20	
③ The _____ and _____ of God	
Job 34:10; Psalm 5:4-5; Ezekiel 36:23; Romans 1:18; Psalm 7:11; Proverbs 11:21; Mark 9:48; Rev 16:7; 19:2; 20:12-13; Matthew 13:42; Hebrews 10:31	

④ The _____ and _____ of God

Ezekiel 33:11; Romans 5:8-10; 8:2; 9:23

⑤ The _____ and _____ of Jesus Christ

Isaiah 7:14; Jer. 25:15; Matthew 1:23; Luke 1:27, 34; 22:42; John 1:1, 14, 29; Romans 4:25; 6:8-10, 18-19; 1 Peter 3:18; 1 Cor. 15:3-4; Phi 2:10-11

⑥ The Promise of _____ and _____

Isaiah 1:18; 1 John 5:11-12; John 17:3

⑦ A Call for _____ and _____

Ezekiel 18:32; John 3:16; Acts 10:43; 20:20-21

gospel (*euaggelion*):

A.W. Tozer

“We who preach the gospel must not think of ourselves as public relations agents sent to establish good will between Christ and the world. We must not imagine ourselves commissioned to make Christ acceptable to big business, the press, the world of sports, or modern education. We are not diplomats but prophets, and our message is not a compromise but an ultimatum.”

C. The _____ of the External Call

① A natural man is characterized by _____.

Eph 2:1	And you were dead in your trespasses and sins,
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② Also marked by _____.	
Rev 3:17	you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked
③ Double-blinded by _____.	
John 3:19	This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil.
④ Triple-blinded by _____.	
2 Cor 4:3-4	³ And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, ⁴ in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.
John 8:44	You are of <i>your</i> father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father.
⑤ Will always _____ the gospel.	
1 Cor 1:18	For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing
1 Cor 2:14	But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised.
⑥ Needs _____ and _____.	
Eph 2:4-5	⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ
Acts 26:18	to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the dominion of Satan to God,

The Internal Call

Refers to _____

A. The Cause of Regeneration

John 1:12-13	¹² But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, <i>even</i> to those who believe in His name, ¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.
John 3:5	Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

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v3, he cannot see	the kingdom of God.
v5, he cannot enter into	the kingdom of God.

John 4:13-14	¹³ Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again; ¹⁴ but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life."
John 7:37-39	³⁷ Now on the last day, the great <i>day</i> of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. ³⁸ He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.'" ³⁹ But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive; for the Spirit was not yet <i>given</i> , because Jesus was not yet glorified.
1 Cor 12:13	For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

B. The Images of Regeneration

① Spiritual	
John 3:3	Jesus answered and said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.”
1 Peter 1:3	Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead
1 John 5:1	Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God
② Spiritual	
Titus 3:5	He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit
1 Cor 6:11	but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.
③ Spiritual	
2 Cor 4:6	For God, who said, “Light shall shine out of darkness,” is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.
2 Cor 5:17	Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.
④ Spiritual	
Eph 2:4-5	⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ
Col 2:13	When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions

C. The Result of Regeneration

I. Repentance

① A recognition of _____.	
Psalm 51:3-4	³ For I know my transgressions, And my sin is ever before me. ⁴ Against You, You only, I have sinned And done what is evil in Your sight, So that You are justified when You speak And blameless when You judge.
2 Sam 12:13	I have sinned against the LORD.
② A sincere _____ over one's sin.	
2 Cor 7:10	For the sorrow that is according to the will of God produces a repentance without regret, leading to salvation, but the sorrow of the world produces death
③ A change of _____, a transformation of the _____.	
Matthew 3:8	Therefore bear fruit in keeping with repentance;

Is repentance optional?

Matthew 4:17	From that time Jesus began to preach and say, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”
Luke 5:32	I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance.
Luke 24:46-47	⁴⁶ and He said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ would suffer and rise again from the dead the third day, ⁴⁷ and that repentance for forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

Acts 2:36-38	³⁶ “Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ—this Jesus whom you crucified.” ³⁷ Now when they heard <i>this</i> , they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brethren, what shall we do?” ³⁸ Peter <i>said</i> to them, “Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins;”
Acts 3:19	Therefore repent and return, so that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord;
Acts 17:30	Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all <i>people</i> everywhere should repent

II. Faith

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Rom 10:17	So faith <i>comes</i> from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.
②	
2 Tim 1:12	for I know whom I have believed and I am convinced that He is able to guard what I have entrusted to Him until that day.
③	
James 2:19	You believe that God is one. You do well; the demons also believe, and shudder.
1 Tim 1:15	It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners

John Murray, “Faith is knowledge passing into conviction, and it is conviction passing into confidence.”

D. Responsibility vs. Ability

I. Commands

Luke 13:5	Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all <i>people</i> everywhere should repent .
John 3:18	He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.
Mark 1:15	“The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel. ”
John 6:44	No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him.

II. The Old Covenant & The New Covenant

Exodus 19:3-8	³ Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob and tell the sons of Israel: ⁴ ‘You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and <i>how</i> I bore you on eagles’ wings, and brought you to Myself. ⁵ Now then, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be My own possession among all the peoples, for all the earth is Mine; ⁶ and you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words that you shall speak to the sons of Israel.” ⁷ So Moses came and called the elders of the people, and set before them all these words which the LORD had commanded him. ⁸ All the people answered together and said, “All that the LORD has spoken we will do!”
Rom 7:12	So then, the Law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.

Heb 8:8	For finding fault with them, He says, “BEHOLD, DAYS ARE COMING, SAYS THE LORD, WHEN I WILL EFFECT A NEW COVENANT WITH THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL AND WITH THE HOUSE OF JUDAH;
Heb 7:18,19	¹⁸ There is a setting aside of a former commandment because of its weakness and uselessness. ¹⁹ (for the Law made nothing perfect), and on the other hand there is a bringing in of a better hope, through which we draw near to God.
Ezekiel 36:27	I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances.

III. Gifts

Acts 5:31	He is the one whom God exalted to His right hand as a Prince and a Savior, to grant repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.
Acts 11:18	God has granted to the Gentiles also the repentance that leads to life.
Eph 2:8	For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God.
Phi 1:29	For to you it has been granted for Christ’s sake, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake.

The External Call vs. The Internal Call

	<i>The External Call</i>	<i>The Internal Call</i>
Definition		
Subject	Romans 10:14	1 Peter 2:9

Object	Colossians 1:23; Acts 1:8	Romans 8:29-30
Result	Matthew 22:14	Romans 8:30
Relationship to Faith	Romans 10:17	John 6:63

Closing Thoughts

1 Cor 1:22-24	²² For indeed Jews ask for signs and Greeks search for wisdom; ²³ but we preach Christ crucified, to Jews a stumbling block and to Gentiles foolishness, ²⁴ but to those who are the called , both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.
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call (*kaleō*) => church (*ekklēsia*): *ek* + *kaleō*

John Stott

“Just as the world is becoming more aware of its needs, the church is becoming less assured of its mission. And the major reason for the diminishing Christian message; is the diminishing confidence in the Christian message.”

William Booth

“Religion without the Holy Ghost
Christianity without Christ
Forgiveness without repentance
Salvation without regeneration
Politics without God
Heaven without Hell.”

#	Person	Description	Reference
1			Exodus 31:1-5; 35:30-33
2			Exodus 35:35
3			Numbers 11:17
4			Numbers 11:25
5			Numbers 24:2
			2 Peter 2:15; Jude 11; Rev 2:14
6			Numbers 27:18
			Deuteronomy 34:9
7			Judges 3:10
8			Judges 6:34
9			Judges 11:29
10			Judges 14:6,19; 15:14
11			1 Samuel 10:10; 11:6; 19:23
			1 Samuel 16:14
12			1 Samuel 16:13
			Psalms 51:11
13			1 Samuel 19:20-21
14			1 Kings 7:14
15			1 Chronicles 12:18
16			2 Chronicles 15:1
17			2 Chronicles 20:14
18			2 Chronicles 24:20
19			Ezekiel 2:2; 3:24
20			Micah 3:8
22			Luke 1:15
22			Luke 1:41
23			Luke 1:67
24			Luke 2:25
25			1 Peter 1:10-11