

(D1: The Heart)

D1: God's Transformation of Man - *From Unregenerate to Heavenly: The States and Events in a Believer's Life (Part 2)*

I. Review from Part 1

- The UNREGENERATE man - unmixed, sinful condition from birth, apart from Christ
- The REGENERATION event - one-time events accomplished by God in the gospel
- The REGENERATE man - mixed condition, residual sin coexists with regeneration

II. THE REGENERATE MAN

The mixed condition of the regenerate man is characterized by:

The unchanging realities accomplished at regeneration (see to the bottom left on chart)

The pervading benefits of regeneration (see to the bottom left on the chart)

The new identity in Christ: 1 Corinthians 1:30

Freedom from slavery to sin: Romans 6:6-7, 14-18

The fruit of the Holy Spirit: Galatians 5:22-23; John 14:17

Good works: Ephesians 2:10; Titus 2:14

An ability to obey God: Philippians 2:13; Romans 5:21; 6:4; Galatians 5:16

Proneness to sin: Galatians 5:17; Hebrews 12:1-2; Revelation 2:4; Ephesians 4:30; Colossians 2:20; 2 Corinthians 12:20-21

Ongoing repentance: 1 John 1:8-9

Ongoing faith: Galatians 2:20

Progress in Christ-likeness: 2 Corinthians 3:18; 4:16

The mixed condition of the regenerate man requires:

God's relentless transformation of the believer: 2 Corinthians 4:16; Ph 2:12-13

The believer's diligent pursuit of holiness: 2 Peter 1:3-8

The believer's wariness about indwelling sin: Jeremiah 17:9; Mark 7:14-23; James 4:1-4; Proverbs 28:26

The believer's serious perseverance: 2 Peter 1:10; Hebrews 3:12-14; 10:23-27

III. THE HEAVENLY MAN

With Christ; Unmixed, sinless condition; Made Righteous

1 Corinthians 15:50-57
an imperishable body

an immortal body

The unmixed condition of the heavenly man is characterized by:

At home with the Lord: 2 Corinthians 5:8

Resembles Jesus: 1John 3:2

Is seen for what he really is in Christ: Colossians 3:4

Blameless and full of joy: Jude 24

No death or sadness: Revelation 21:4

No curse or night: Revelation 22:3,5

IV. THE DEATH and RESURRECTION / RAPTURE EVENTS

DEATH - departing from the land of the dying and going home

Disintegration of inner from outer: 2 Corinthians 5:1,8

Safe journey home: 2 Timothy 4:18

Unseparated from Jesus: Romans 8:38-39

The believer is still alive: John 11:25-26

Often called "sleep": 1 Thessalonians 4:13

Precious to God: Psalm 116:15

Gain for the believer: Philippians 1:21

RAPTURE - transformation of the living into the resurrected body

Bypass death to be with Jesus: 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

Instantaneous physical transformation: 1 Corinthians 15:51-52

RESURRECTION - integration of perfect inner man and glorified body

New physical glorified body: 1 Corinthians 15:42-48

Dead in Christ first, then raptured saints: 1 Thessalonians 4:15

V. OBSERVATIONS

The Christian today is no longer in the unmixed sinful condition of the old man

The Christian today is not yet in an unmixed sinless condition with Christ

The Christian's POSITION before God is PERFECT, but his PRACTICE is PROGRESSING