

(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

II. THE REGENERATE MAN

- The mixed condition of the regenerate man is characterized by

The new identity in Christ: 1Co 1:30

The fruit of the Holy Spirit: Ga 5:22-23; Jn 14:17

Good works: Ep 2:10; Tt 2:14

An ability to obey God: Ph 2:1-3; Ro 5:21; 6:4; Ga 5:16

Proneness to sin: Ga 5:17; He 12:1-2; Re 2:4; Eph 4:30; Co 2:20; 2Co 12:20-21

Ongoing repentance: 1Jn 1:8-9

Ongoing faith: Ga 2:20

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

Freedom from slavery to sin: Ro 6:6-7; 14-18

- Key descriptions of this new condition
 - A mixed condition
 - Able to not sin; able to please God
 - A fight within (against sin and for Jesus)
 - Enslaved to God, righteousness and obedience
 - Residual sin AND regeneration are evident in all faculties (thoughts, emotions, motives, actions)
 - Able to shepherd his heart away from sin and to God
 - Not under God's wrath or judgment
- The mixed condition of the regenerate man requires
 - God's relentless transformation of the believer 2Co 4:16; Ph 2:12-13
 - The believer's diligent pursuit of holiness 2Pe 1:3-8
 - The believer's wariness about indwelling sin Jer 17:9; Mk 7:14-23; Ja 4:1-4; Pr 28:26
 - The believer's serious perseverance 2Pet 1:10; Heb 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 Co 5:8

Resembles Jesus 1John 3:2

Good works: Ep 2:10; Tt 2:14

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

No death or sadness Rev 21:4

No curse or night Rev 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 man 2 Co 5:1,8

Safe journey home 2Tim 4:18

Unseparated from Jesus Rom 8:38-39

The believer is still alive Jn 11:25-26

Often called "sleep" 1Thes 4:13

Precious to God Ps 116:15

Gain for the believer Phil 1:21

RAPTURE - transformation of the living into the resurrected body

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

Instantaneous physical transformation 1 Cor 15:51-52

RESURRECTION - integration of perfect inner man and glorified body

New physical glorified body 1 Cor 15:42-48

Dead in Christ first, then raptured saints 1 Thes 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