D1 – The Heart: Gospel Implications for my Heart

Without Christ *"Unrighteous"*

THE UNREGENERATE MAN

(Unmixed, sinful condition) - Who a person is without Jesus

The unmixed condition of the unregenerate man is characterized by:

Ephesians 2:1-3, 12
Dead in sins
Walks in sins
Lives in the lusts of his flesh
Child of wrath
No hope
Without God

Colossians 1:13-14
In domain of darkness

Titus 3:3
Foolish
Disobedient
Deceived
Enslaved to lusts & pleasures
Spends life in malice & envy
Hateful
Hates others

Colossians 1:21
Alienated from God
Hostile toward God
Engaged in evil deeds

Romans 6:17-23
Slave to sin
Slave to impurity & lawlessness, resulting in further lawlessness
Penalty is death

Ephesians 4:17-19
Mind is futile
Darkened understanding
Excluded from life of God because of ignorance within
All because/of hardness of heart
Gives himself over to sensuality
Practices every kind of impurity with greediness

Philippians 3:18-19
An enemy of the cross
His end is destruction
His god is his appetite
Glories in his shame
Set his mind on earthly things

Romans 5:6-10
Helpless
Ungodly
Sinner
Needs rescue from God's wrath
Needs justification
Enemy of God
Needs reconciliation
Needs salvation

KEY DESCRIPTIONS OF THIS OLD CONDITION:

- **An unmixed condition**
- **Unable not to sin; unable to please God**
- **No fight within (against sin or for Jesus)**
- **Dominated by and enslaved to sin**
- **Sin rules all faculties (thoughts, emotions, motives, actions)**
- **Unable to shepherd his heart away from sin and to God**
- **Under God's wrath and judgment** *(Ro 1:18; 2:1-2; 2:5-8; 6:23; Ac 17:30-31; Ep 2:3; He 9:27; Re 14:9-11; 16:1)*

REGENERATION EVENT

"Declared Righteous"

Accomplished by God in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

The Gospel:
Theological summaries of the good news:

- Adoption through propitiation;
- Penal substitutionary atonement;
- We get God through Jesus' death in our place!

Appropriated through repentance and faith.
Lk 24:45-47; Ac 20:21; Ro 10:8-10; Mk 1:14-15;

Regeneration EVENT Components
(Once-for-all-time events, accomplished by God for the believer at conversion)

- New birth, new life, new creation: *Jn 3:3-8; 2Co 5:17; Ep 2:4-5; Tts 3:4-7*
- Positional sanctification (set apart unto God): *1Co 1:2, 30; 6:11*
- Justification (declared righteous): *Ro 3:21-25; 5:1, 9; 1Co 6:11; Ga 2:16; Tts 3:7*
- Imputation (believers credited with God's righteousness, Jesus credited with believers' sin): *2Co 5:21; Ph 3:9*
- Adoption: *Ro 8:14-17; Ep 1:5; Ga 4:4-7*
- Union with Christ: *Ro 6:3-14; Ga 2:20; Ep 2:5-7*
- Expiation (sin removed): *Jn 1:29; Co 2:14; He 9:26-28*
- Propitiation (wrath satisfied): *Ro 3:25; He 2:17; 1Jn 2:1-2; 4:10*
- Redemption (bought with Jesus' blood): *Ga 3:13; 4:4-5; Ep 1:7; Co 1:13-14; 1Ti 2:5-6; Tts 2:14*
- Reconciliation (at peace with God): *Ro 5:10-11; 2Co 5:18-20; Co 1:21-22*
- Forgiveness: *Eph 1:7*
- The "old man" crucified: *Ga 2:20 Ro 6:6*

Regeneration EVENT Benefits
(Unchangeable, objective realities, secured by God for the believer at conversion)

- Loved by God: *Co 3:12*
- Indwelt by the Holy Spirit: *Ro 8:9; 1Co 6:19*
- Indwelt by Christ: *Ga 2:20*
- A member of Christ's body: *1Co 12:27*
- Members of one another: *Ro 12:5*
- Confident access to God: *He 4:16*
- Under grace: *Ro 5:2, 21; 6:14*
- Saved from God's wrath: *Ro 5:9*
- Free from condemnation: *Ro 8:1*
- Unable to be separated from Christ: *Ro 8:35-39*
- Peace with God: *Ro 5:1*
- The fruit of the Holy Spirit: *Ga 5:22-23*
- Citizenship in heaven: *Ph 3:20; Ep 2:6-7*

Accomplished once and for all by God... but being renewed day by day in progressive sanctification. 2Co 3:18; 4:16

In Christ — *"Being Made Righteous"*

THE REGENERATE MAN

(Mixed condition) - Process of progressive renewal

The mixed condition of the regenerate man is characterized by:

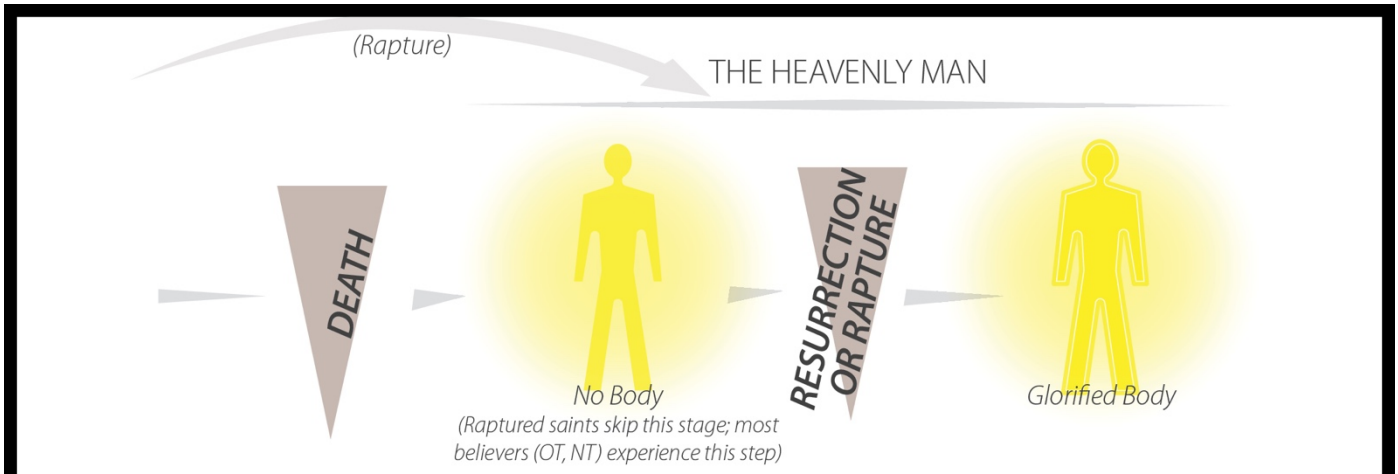
- The unchanging realities accomplished at regeneration
- The pervading benefits of regeneration
- The new identity in Christ: *1Co 1:30*
- Freedom from slavery to sin: *Ro 6:6–7,14–18*
- The fruit of the Holy Spirit: *Ga 5:22-23; Jo 14:17*
- Good works: *Ep 2:10; Tts 2:14*
- An ability to obey God: *Ph 2:13; Ro 5:21; 6:4; Ga 5:16*
- Proneness to sin: *Ga 5:17; He 12:1-2; Re 2:4; Ep 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*

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: *2Pe 1:10; He 3:12-14; 10:23-27*

KEY DESCRIPTIONS OF THIS NEW CONDITION:

- **A mixed condition**
- **Able not to 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 HEAVENLY MAN

(Unmixed, sinless condition) - What a redeemed person is like in the eternal state

The heavenly man is characterized by:

- Is at home with the Lord: *2Co 5:8*
- Resembles Jesus: *1Jn 3:1-3*
- Is seen for what he really is in Christ: *Co 3:4*
- Blameless and full of joy: *Jd 24*
- No death or sadness: *Re 21:4*
- No curse or night: *Re 22:3*

KEY DESCRIPTIONS OF THIS FUTURE CONDITION:

- **An unmixed condition**
- **Unable to sin; unable to displease God**
- **No fight within**
- **Perfectly enslaved to God**
- **Perfect righteousness in all faculties (thoughts, emotions, motives, actions)**
- **No need to shepherd his heart away from sin and to God**
- **Enveloped in God's Joy**

DEATH

Departing the land of the dying and going home

- Disintegration of inner from outer man: *2Co 5:1, 8*
- Safe journey home: *2Ti 4:18*
- Unseparated from Jesus: *Ro 8:35-39*
- The believer is still alive: *Jo 11:25-26*
- Often called "sleep": *1Th 4:13*
- Precious to God: *Ps 116:15*
- Gain for the believer: *Ph 1:21*

RAPTURE

- Bypass death to be with Jesus: *1Th 4:13-18*
- Instantaneous physical transformation: *1Co 15:51-52*

RESURRECTION

Integration of perfected inner man and glorified body

- New, physical glorified body: *1Co 15:42-58*
- Dead in Christ first, then raptured saints: *1Co 15:51-52; 1Th 4:15*