

## The Priority of Regeneration

John 3:1-21

- I. Regeneration is a real birth equal to physical birth (John 3:3-6)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- II. Regeneration is a work of God beyond the realm of human recognition (John 3:8)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- III. Regeneration is an instantaneous work, not a process.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- IV. Regeneration results in a real substance or nature.

## Review

1. What did you learn about “regeneration” from John 3:3-8?
2. What does John 5:24 reveal about the duration of regeneration (i.e., how long does it take?)?
3. Is regeneration observable (John 3:8)? How is its presence known?
4. What is the means of regeneration, according to John 3:3-8? Who initiates it (John 1:12-13)? What else is involved (1 Peter 1:23-25)?
5. What consequences of regeneration do we see in:
  - John 8:42
  - Ephesians 2:10
  - 1 John 2:29
  - 1 John 3:9
  - 1 John 3:14
  - 1 John 5:1
  - 1 John 5:4, 18

## Further Consideration

1. What was your condition prior to regeneration? When were you regenerated? How do you know?
2. How does it help you to know that regeneration is not dependent on you or your efforts?
3. What specific effects regeneration have you observed in your own life?
4. What will be one overall consequence of regeneration in your life according to Ephesians 2:10?
5. What effect should regeneration have on your relationships (1 John 3:14)? Is this true in your life?

## Going Further

As we saw in this lesson, being “born again” is being grossly misrepresented in contemporary “New Age” thinking. How would you explain the “new birth” biblically to someone who is confused about this truth?