

GOD ANSWERS YOUR QUESTIONS

“Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.” Romans 6:3,4.

7. How completely is the believer’s new life in Christ dissociated from the old life of sin?

“If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.” 2 Corinthians 5:17.

8. Of what new nature do we become partakers through regeneration?

“Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these you might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.” 2 Peter 1:4.

9. In what vivid way does Paul describe the new life of the believer?

“I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ lives in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me.” Galatians 2: 20.

Years after the conversion of Augustine, he was met by an associate of his earlier dissolute days. “It is I,” said the temptress to Augustine. “But it is not I,” Augustine replied. He had been born again. The old “I” was dead. He was a new man in Christ.

10. How is the Spirit associated with the regenerated life?

“But you are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you.” Romans 8: 9. (See also verses 10-14.)

11. What profound -changes are effected in the life of the regenerated believer?

a. A new heart and spirit. “I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you.” Ezekiel 11: 19.

b. A new mind. “Be not conformed to this world: but be you transformed by the renewing of your mind.” Romans 12: 2.

12. In what ways will the new nature Manifest itself?

a. New affections. “For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.” Romans 8:5.

b. New love for the law of God. “I delight in the law of God after the inward man.” Romans 7:22.

c. New love for fellow men. “We know’ that we have passed from. death unto life, because we love the brethren.” 1 John 3: 14.

13. What purpose has God in mind in regenerating the sinner?

“And I will put My Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you shall keep My judgments, and do them.” Ezekiel 36:27.

14. For what, therefore, does God look in the-life of the regenerated sinner?

“We are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God has before ordained that we should walk in them.” Ephesians 2: 10. (See also Romans 8:4.)

“If I am to follow such as He, I must be born again and born different. A new birth is a necessary beginning for this new life.” Stanley Jones in “The Christ of the Indian Road,” page 197.

15. By what visible test may we determine whether we are born of God?

“If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone that does righteousness is born of Him.” 1 John 2:29. “And hereby we do know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments.” 1 John 2:3. (See also verses 4-6.)

Reconciled to God

1. WHAT is necessary to fellowship?

“Can two walk together, except they be agreed.” Amos 3:3.

2. Why is fallen man separated from God?

“Thou has hid Thy face from us, and has consumed us, because of our iniquities.” Isaiah 64:7.

3. How did God associate Himself with Jesus in seeking to bring about a reconciliation with man?

“To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them.” 2 Corinthians 5:19.

4. By what act was reconciliation made possible?

“And you, that were sometimes alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now has, He reconciled in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy and unblamable and unprovable in His sight.” Colossians 1: 21, 22.