

[NOTE: No Bible classes on Sunday, 7 May 2000. Pastor was speaking at the Fiftieth Anniversary of Robert B. Thieme, Jr., at Berachah Church.]

The Inscrutable Question: Regeneration: The Human Spirit & Trichotomy; 3 Spiritual Skills: 2 Essentials; Why Unbelievers Can't Learn Doctrine

10. When anyone believes in Christ the Holy Spirit creates a human spirit and imputes it to the believer restoring his trichotomous status. In theology this is called regeneration.
11. Regeneration is sometimes referred to as being “born again.” This is taken from our Lord’s comments to Nicodemus in:

John 3:3 - Jesus answered and said to Nicodemus, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.”
12. The words “born again” are the verb **γεννηθῆναι / gennethei** /, “to be born,” and the adverb **ἀνωθεν / anothēn** /, “from above.”
13. This phrase speaks of regeneration, which refers to the divine act of creating a human spirit and imputing it to the new believer. This makes the new believer trichotomous and the possessor of eternal life.
14. A person who is born again—*gennethe anothēn*—has passed from spiritual death to spiritual life.
15. Consequently the indwelling of the Holy Spirit and the reception of the human spirit are imputations that occur at the moment of spiritual birth and are the essentials required for spiritual growth.
16. In fact these two imputations are the *sine qua non* of the 3 Spiritual Skills: **① FHS + ② OpZ + ③ PSDs = PPG**. The filling of the Holy Spirit is impossible without the indwelling of the Holy Spirit and Rebound. The Grace Apparatus for Perception cannot function without the human spirit functioning as the target for the Holy Spirit’s teaching ministry.
17. Consequently, without these two assets no one can metabolize the infinite thought contained in the problem-solving devices and therefore cannot execute the protocol plan of God, which essentially consists of doing a right thing in a right way.
18. It thus becomes apparent that the unbeliever cannot know God because he cannot learn about God. You cannot love a Person you do not know and personal love for God is a system of reciprocity based on Bible doctrine resident in the *kardia*.
19. There are three passages of Scripture that amplify these points:

Jude 17 - [NASV] You, beloved, ought to remember the words that were spoken beforehand by the apostles [Paul and Peter] of our Lord Jesus Christ,

v 18 - that they were saying to you, [cp. Acts 20:29; 1 Timothy 4:1; 2 Timothy 3:1-5; 4:3; 2 Peter 3:2-3] “In the last time there shall be mockers, following after their own ungodly lusts [unbelievers who reject Christ and mock those who do].”

v 19 - [CTL] These are the ones who cause divisions, soulish, not having the human spirit.
20. The word “soulish” appears in English translations as “sensuous” in the King James Version, “follow natural instincts” in the New International Version, and “worldly-minded” in the New American Standard.