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*Taken from Wayne Grudem's Systematic Theology, Chapter 34: Regeneration and Chapter 35: Conversion*

## Regeneration

**Grudem: Regeneration is a secret act of God in which he imparts new spiritual life to us**

**Ezekiel 36:26–27**

**A. Regeneration Is Totally a Work of God – John 1:12–13**

**B. The Exact Nature of Regeneration Is Mysterious to Us – 2 Corinthians 5:17**

**C. In This Sense of “Regeneration,” It Comes Before Saving Faith – Acts 16:14; Ephesians 2:4–5; John 6:44**

**D. Genuine Regeneration Must Bring Results in Life – 1 John 2:29; Galatians 5:22–23**

## Scripture Memory Passage

**John 3:5–8: 5 Jesus answered, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ 8 The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit.”**

## Conversion (Faith and Repentance)

**Grudem: Conversion is our willing response to the gospel call, in which we sincerely repent of sins and place our trust in Christ for salvation.**

### A. True Saving Faith Includes Knowledge, Approval, and Personal Trust

1. Knowledge Alone Is Not Enough – **James 2:19**
2. Knowledge and Approval Are Not Enough – **John 3:2**
3. I Must Decide to Depend on Jesus to Save Me Personally
4. Faith Should Increase as Our Knowledge Increases – **Romans 10:17**

### B. Faith and Repentance Must Come Together – **Matthew 11:28–29; 2 Corinthians 7:9–10**

### C. Both Faith and Repentance Continue Throughout Life – **Galatians 2:20; 2 Corinthians 5:17**

## Scripture Memory Passage

**John 3:16: For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.**