

DOES REGENERATION PRECEDE FAITH?

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1 JOHN 5:1

- Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God.
- It logically follows that if someone does not believe that Jesus is the Christ he has not been born of God.
- Therefore one must be born of God to believe that Jesus is the Christ.
- 1 John 3:9 He who does not make a practice of sinning has been born of God.
- 1 John 4:7 He who loves has been born of God.

LUKE 6:43

- A bad tree does not bear good fruit (Luke 6:43).
- Faith is a good fruit (Galatians 5:22, Hebrews 11:6).
- Therefore a bad tree cannot exhibit faith

ROMANS 8:7-8

- Those in the flesh cannot submit to God's law (Romans 8:7)
- The first commandment says to have no other God's before God (Exodus 20:3)
- Therefore those in the flesh cannot have faith in the only true God.
- Those in the flesh cannot please God (Romans 8:8)
- Faith is pleasing to God (Hebrews 11:6)
- Therefore those in the flesh cannot exhibit faith.

JOHN 6:29

- It is the work of God that we believe.
- It is not our work that we believe.
- Therefore God must perform the work so we can believe.

JOHN 6:63

- The Spirit gives life, the flesh is no help at all in believing.
- Only that which is born of Spirit is Spirit. John 3:6
- Therefore we must be born of the Spirit to believe.

I CORINTHIANS 2:6-16

- God has revealed the Wisdom of God through the Spirit (1 Corinthians 2:10).
- The natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God (1 Corinthians 2:14).
- Therefore God must reveal the things of God through the working of the Spirit for us to believe.

JOHN 3:3

- A person cannot see the Kingdom of God unless he is born again.
- A person does not choose to be born.
- Therefore a person cannot choose to be born again.

JOHN 1:13

- We are born again by the will of God not by the will of man.
- Faith is an act of the will of man.
- Therefore faith cannot precede being born again.

WHY DO PEOPLE NOT BELIEVE?

- The natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God (1 Corinthians 2:14).
- What do you have that you did not receive? (1 Corinthians 4:7)