



Introduction – “Have you ever seen anything so beautiful?”

This week’s message
 Irresistible Grace
Freely Choosing the Beauty of Christ

Irresistible Grace has to do with Regeneration

What is Regeneration?

Old Testament Theology of Regeneration
 Jeremiah 31:31-33

Ezekiel 36:22-29

(See also Isaiah 1:16, 60:21-22, Jeremiah 13:24:7, Ezekiel 11:17-20, Malachi 3:2-4)

New Testament Theology of Regeneration
 John 1:9-13

Titus 3:3-7

Ephesians 2:1-10

See also (John 10:10, 17:3, Galatians 4:6, 6:1-18, Colossians 3:5-17, 1 Peter 1:22-25)

Summary of Regeneration

When does this take place in a person’s life?

John 3:1-8
 John 6:34-68

So, did I come “Kicking and Screaming to Jesus?”

What difference does Regeneration make?

1. It enables you to see the beauty of Jesus
2. It is the source of your power to overcome sin
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3. It changes everything!
 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Gospel Application – “Have you ever seen anything so beautiful?”

Jeremiah 31:33

³³“This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time,” declares the LORD. “I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.”

Ezekiel 36:25-27

²⁵I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. ²⁶I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.

John 1:12-13

¹²Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God – ¹³children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband’s will, but born of God.

John 3:3-8

John 6:37-40, 43-44

Titus 3:4-7

⁴But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, ⁵he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, ⁶whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

Ephesians 2:4-10

⁴But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions – it is by grace you have been saved. ⁶And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, ⁷in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – ⁹not by works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

2 Corinthians 5:17

¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!