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To proactively accelerate the spiritual growth of Grace Bible Church for the purpose of knowing God more intimately and becoming more effective servants of God in the world

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**Pneumatology, Part I**

Personhood of the Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit in the Old Testament and the New Testament

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Personhood of the Holy Spirit

**Name "Holy Spirit"**

- ✓ OT = "Spirit who is Holy" (e.g, Isa 63:10)
- ✓ NT = "Holy Spirit"
- ✓ "Holy" = apartness, separateness
- ✓ "Spirit" = breath, power, wind, energy, activity

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Personhood of the Holy Spirit

**A Person Not Force—CHARACTERISTICS of Personality**

- ✓ Life (2 Cor 3:3)
- ✓ Intelligence/Wisdom (Isa 40:13)
- ✓ Knowledge (1 Cor 2:11)
- ✓ Freedom/Purpose (1 Cor 12:11)
- ✓ Love (Rom 15:30)

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Personhood of the Holy Spirit

**A Person Not Force—ACTIONS of Personality**

- ✓ Speaks (Acts 8:29; 10:19)
- ✓ Helps and Intercedes (Rom 8:26)
- ✓ Teaches (1 Cor 2:13)
- ✓ Testifies (John 15:26)
- ✓ Resisted (Acts 7:51)
- ✓ Lied to (Acts 5:4, 9)
- ✓ Grieved (Eph 4:30)
- ✓ Blasphemed (Matt 12:31)
- ✓ Insulted/Outraged (Heb 10:29)

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Personhood of the Holy Spirit

**A Person Not Force—PERSONAL Relationships**

- ✓ Identified as a person (John 14–16): helper, teach, remind, testify, guide, speak
- ✓ Distinguished from his power (Luke 4:14)
- ✓ Associated equally with the Father and the Son (Matt 28:19; 2 Cor 13:14; Matt 10:20; Acts 16:7; Rom 8:9)

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Personhood of the Holy Spirit

**Third Person of the Trinity—Divine Attributes**

- ✓ Eternality (Heb 9:14)
- ✓ Omnipresence (Ps 139:7–10)
- ✓ Omniscience (1 Cor 2:10–11)
- ✓ Power (Luke 1:35)
- ✓ Truth (John 14:17)
- ✓ Holiness—title **and** descriptor

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Personhood of the Holy Spirit

**Third Person of the Trinity—identified with/as Yahweh**

- ✓ Isaiah 6:9 (compare with Acts 28:25–26)
- ✓ Jeremiah 31:31–34 (compare with Heb 10:15–17)

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The Spirit in the OT

- ✓ In Creation
  - ❖ Genesis 1:2
- ✓ In Revelation
  - ❖ 2 Samuel 23:2—David's last oracle
  - ❖ 1 Peter 1:10–11
  - ❖ 2 Peter 1:21

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The Spirit in the OT

- ✓ In People (equipped people for specific tasks) ...

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**21**  
PROPHECY

- Moses (Num 11:17, 25)
- Elders of Israel (Num 11:17 (2x), 25, 26)
- Balaam (Num 24:2)
- Saul (1 Sam 10:6, 10; 11:6; 19:23)
- Messengers from Saul (1 Sam 19:20)
- David (1 Sam 16:13; Ps 51:11; 2 Sam 23:2; Matt 22:43; Mark 12:36; Acts 1:16)
- Micahiah (1 Kgs 22:24)
- Elijah (2 Kgs 2:9)
- Elisha (2 Kgs 2:9)
- Amasai (1 Chr 12:18)

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**21**  
PROPHECY

- Azariah (2 Chr 15:1)
- Jahaziel (2 Chr 20:14)
- Zechariah (priest; 2 Chr 24:20)
- Ezekiel (2:2; 3:24; 11:5)
- Micah (Mic 3:8)
- Daniel (Dan 4:8, 18; 5:11, 12; 6:3)
- All the OT Prophets (Zech 7:12)
- John the Baptist (Luke 1:15, 17)
- Mary (Luke 1:35)
- Elizabeth (Luke 1:41)
- Zecharias (Luke 1:67)
- Simeon (Luke 2:25, 26, 27)

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**7**  
LEADERSHIP  
(WAR & WISDOM)

- Joshua (Num 27:18; Deut 34:9)
- Othniel (Judg 3:10)
- Gideon (Judg 6:34)
- Jephthah (Judg 11:29)
- Samson (Judg 13:25; 14:6, 19; 15:14)
- Saul (1 Sam 10:6, 10; 11:6; 19:23)
- David (1 Sam 16:13; Ps 51:11; 2 Sam 23:2; Matt 22:43; Mark 12:36; Acts 1:16)

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**2**  
INTERPRETATION  
OF DREAMS

- Joseph (Gen 41:38)
- Daniel (Dan 4:8, 18; 5:11, 12; 6:3)

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**2**  
DESIGN

- Israelite Craftsmen (Exod 28:3)
- Bezalel (Exod 35:31)

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SCRIPTURE

◦ All Writers of Scripture (2 Pet 1:21)

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Prophecy   Interpretation   Leadership   Design   Scripture Writing

**WHAT IS MISSING?**

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**REGENERATION**

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## The Spirit in the OT

- ✓ In People (equipped people for specific tasks)
- ❖ This is mission-specific enabling that is often temporary and does **not** indicate **regeneration**
- ❖ Compare 1 Samuel 16:13–14 to Psalm 51:11

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## Redefine Regeneration

### Modern and Generally Historical Definition

A divine act of God, imperceptible to man, that illumines the mind to apprehend spiritual truth and renews the inclinations of the will by the Holy Spirit for holy living.

Summation of the discussion from William G. T. Sheppard, Dogmatic Theology, 764–73

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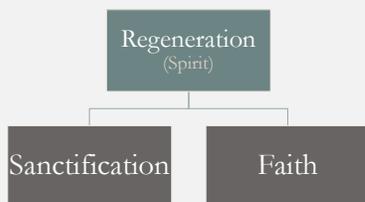
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## Redefine Regeneration



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Redefine Regeneration

**My Definition**

A divine act of God, imperceptible to man, that renews the inclinations of the will by the Holy Spirit for holy living.

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Redefine Regeneration

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Redefine Regeneration

- ✓ The Work of the Father
  - ❖ The Father reveals truth into human hearts (Matt 11:25; 16:17; Eph 1:17–18)
  - ❖ The Father draws people to the Son (John 6:37, 44, 65)
  - ❖ The Father gives people to the Son (10:29; 17:2, 6–9, 24; 18:9)

The Father has been opening eyes and granting faith for a long time.

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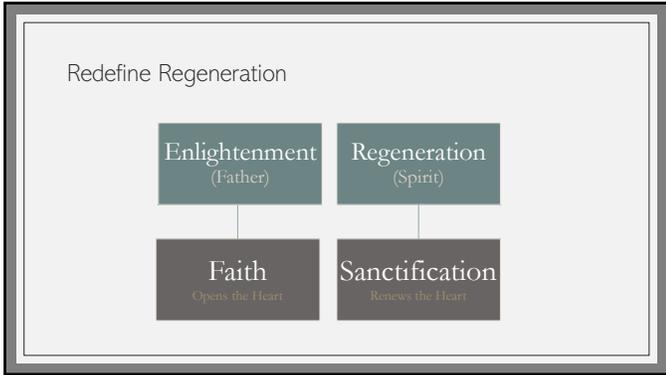
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Redefine Regeneration

**OT Saints Conclusion**

- ✓ Regeneration is the Spirit's work under the New Covenant to make God's people able live out God's requirements at any moment
- ✓ OT saints ...
  - ❖ Had great faith from the Father (Heb 11)
  - ❖ Had remorse over sin (Ps 51:17)
  - ❖ Delighted to do God's Law (Ps 119:174)
  - ❖ Were **not regenerated** and could not fulfill the Law fully from the heart at any moment
- ✓ Today, Christians have the first three benefits above **AND** are **regenerated** and can fulfill the Law from the heart at any moment

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The Spirit in the NT (Part 1)

**The Newness of the Spirit's Ministry**

- ✓ The promise (John 14:16-17)
- ✓ Pentecost Outpouring
  - ❖ Jesus Predicts in the Upper room (John 14-16)
    - Conviction and conversion (John 16:7ff)
    - Inspiration (John 14:26)
    - Communion with Christ (John 14:18; 26-27; 16:7)
  - ❖ Jesus predicts at the ascension (Acts 1:4ff)
  - ❖ Luke Narrates (Acts 2:1-21)

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The Spirit in the NT (Part 1)

**The Spirit and the New Covenant Ministry in 2 Corinthians 3**

- ✓ Changed hearts (3:3)
- ✓ Life to believers (3:6)
- ✓ The Holy Spirit has more glory than the Law (3:7-8)
- ✓ Freedom (3:17)
- ✓ Transformation (3:18)

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The Spirit in the NT (Part 1)

**Regeneration and Conviction**

- ✓ New Birth is by the HS (John 3:5-6; Titus 3:5)
- ✓ Conviction of Sin by the HS (John 16:8)

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The Spirit in the NT (Part 1)

**Inner Witness and Illumination (1 Corinthians 2:11-14)**

- ✓ Witness to the Scriptures: That influence by which the Spirit persuades the sinner that God's Word is true
- ✓ Associated with conversion
- ✓ Illuminate the meaning of Scripture
  - ❖ Not an assurance of right interpretation (this takes study but the Spirit does help)
  - ❖ **Rather**, He ministers the meaning to my heart—**Life Impact** toward Christlikeness
  - ❖ Spirit is active as we encounter Scripture
  - ❖ HS is not giving a new message; rather, He is helping me appropriate the message already given
  - ❖ Power to live what we learn

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The Spirit in the NT (Part 1)

**Seal of the Spirit**

- ✓ Texts
  - ❖ Eph 1:13–14; Eph 4:30; 2 Cor 1:22; 2 Cor 5:5
- ✓ Terms
  - ❖ “sealed” = to make inaccessible; ownership
  - ❖ “guarantee” = down payment; earnest; pledge
- ✓ Assurance, completion, and **not** something to be prayed for

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