



REGENERATION

The Ologies Lesson 18



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LESSON 18 - REGENERATION

MAIN POINT:

MESSAGE NOTES:¹

Listen to or view message #18 in *The Ologies*, “Regeneration,” at psconline.com. You can also find it by searching for Pleasant Street Church of Christ on your favorite podcasting service or on the Faithlife app on Apple TV or Roku.

Thought Questions:

1. What makes divine power essential to the Christian system?
2. Describe spiritual death.
3. Why do we tend to suspect God’s intentions towards us?
4. What is the relationship between our conversion and daily discipleship?

Next Steps:

1. If you’ve never been baptized into Christ, take some time to count the cost and decide whether you’re ready to die to yourself and live for him. If so, ask someone to help you and get it done.
2. Now is the time to crucify any besetting sins which you’ve harbored and to take up the new life. Read Ephesians 4:17-5:19 and Colossians 3:1-16 for reference.

Obedience Challenge: New Life New Lenses

One reliable indicator of whether we’re living the new life is the way we evaluate other people (cf. 2 Cor. 5:14-17). Take a minute and think about kinds of people who you have a hard time relating to or who you would hesitate to tell about Jesus. If you can, assign specific people to those categories.² Now pray and look for opportunities to connect with them.

¹ You will share your notes during the Collaboration time of your Life Team meeting.

² If you don’t know their name, just describe them based on where you know them from.

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DAILY DEVOTION GUIDE:

Read the following Scriptures about humankind as created beings, throughout this week. Use the [SOAP journaling method](#) to help you go deeper into the text. (See Handout)

- Monday – Genesis 32
- Tuesday – Deuteronomy 30
- Wednesday – Psalm 86
- Thursday – Isaiah 55
- Friday – John 7:14-43
- Saturday – Titus 2:11-3:8

During your Life Team meeting, you'll be given the opportunity to share some of your Application entries. Consider bookmarking any that you'll want to share by way of confession or to encourage others.

Or copy it here for easy reference:

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INTERGENERATIONAL GATHERING GUIDE:

Primer Exercise:

For Children

Pretend the floor is lava. In this game, if someone falls into the lava, they can be saved but only if someone gets them out within 10 seconds. The person being saved, can't participate in their own salvation, but must be completely saved by someone else. For instance, the person doing the saving must have enough strength to carry the person being saved to safety since they are not allowed to stand up and walk under their own power. If someone doesn't get saved within ten seconds, they are out of the game for the round. Play as a family and declare the last "survivor" the winner. After the game, ask the following debrief questions:

1. Why do you think "child's name" won this round?
2. Looking around the room, who is the least likely person to be rescued when they fall in the lava?
3. What determines whether someone will be saved or not?
4. How can we be sure that God will save us?

Everyone Else

Watch Disney's *The Lion King* and answer the following questions:

1. How did Simba "die" in the movie?
2. Why couldn't Nala get through to him?
3. What eventually brought Simba back to life?
4. How is this like what happens to people in sin?
5. How is the rebirth that Christ gives different from Simba's?

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The three sessions below are designed for home devotional use. Each session should be done in a separate sitting.

Session One: “Streams on Dry Ground”

- Read Isaiah 44
 - How does God address Israel?
 - Why might this be important?
 - What is the connection between God’s Spirit and Israel’s renewal?
 - Who do you think vs. 5 is talking about?
- Application and Prayer
 - What do we need from God when our hearts feel like dry ground?
 - How can we receive from God?

Session Two: “This New Life”

- Read Acts 5:17-21; 29-32
 - What did the angel command the disciples to do when he set them free from jail?
 - From vs. 29-32, what can you tell about the message of new life?
 - How can people access the new life?
- Application and Prayer
 - How have you accepted the new life?
 - How might you be able to receive more of it?

Session Three: “Die Daily”

- Read Luke 9:21-26
 - Where in this passage do you see a promise of new life?
 - What is the cost of this new life?
 - Give one example of what paying this cost will look like the way we behave?
- Application and Prayer
 - How can you lose your life today?

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LIFE TEAM GATHERING GUIDE:

Spirit Of The Living God

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Words & Music by
Daniel Iverson

Acts 2:38

Arr. by Darrell Bledsoe

Musical score for 'Spirit Of The Living God' in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The score consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: 'Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me; Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me. Break me, melt me, mold me, fill me, Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.'

Find the melody at
<https://pscconline.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Spirit-Of-The-Living-God.mp3>

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Find the melody at <https://pscconline.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Wonderful-Merciful-Saviour.mp3>

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Music and Words:
Dawn Rodgers & Eric Wyse

Psalm 28:6-8

1. Won - der - ful, mer - ci - ful Sav - ior, pre - cious Re - deem - er and
2. Coun - sel - or, Com - fort - er, Keep - er, Spir - it we long to em -
3. Al - might - y in - fi - nite Fa - ther, faith - ful - ly lov - ing Your

Friend. Who would have thought that a Lamb could res - cue the souls of
brace. You of - fer hope when our hearts have hope - less - ly lost the
own. Here in our weak - ness You find us fall - ing be - fore Your

men? Oh, You res - cue the souls of men.
way, Oh, we've hope - less - ly lost the way. You are the One that we
throne. Oh, we're fall - ing be - fore Your throne.

praise, You are the One we a - dore, You give the heal - ing and

grace our hearts al - ways hun - ger for, Oh, our hearts al - ways hun - ger for.

The musical score is written in 6/8 time and consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The piano part features a steady eighth-note bass line and chords in the right hand. The vocal line includes three verses of lyrics and a chorus with first, second, and third endings. The score concludes with a final cadence.

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Scripture Discussion

- Read Ephesians 5:1-20
 - How does Paul describe our regeneration (rebirth) in this passage?
 - What reason does he give for his readers to banish immoral deeds and speech?
 - What should we do instead of participating these shameful things?

Pray

- Get a volunteer to close the prayer time at the end.
- Recite the ancient hymn below as a group to segue into prayer:

Open your eyes, O sleeper,
Come out from among the dead,
and Christ will make you reflect his light!

- Talk about ways you can shine the light of Christ among the spiritually dead.
- Pray for each other.

Collaborate

Each participant should have listened to Message #18 in *The Ologies*, “Regeneration” in person or online and taken notes.

- Have everyone share their answers to the **Thought Questions** in their *Message Notes*.
- If anyone has already done the **Obedience Challenge**, have them report on how it went and what they learned.
- Encourage (but don’t require) participants to share their **Next Steps** or any **Application** entries from their SOAP journals.
- Close by praying for each other’s **Next Steps** and **Application** entries.