

John # 39 “Rejuvenated or Regenerated?”

John 3:13-16; Numbers 21:1-6;

To rejuvenate is to make young again and to regenerate is to construct or create new, generally in an improved fashion.

So, rejuvenate is to reverse aging and regenerate is to revitalize.

Rejuvenate is to return to youthful life and receive new energy but to be regenerated is to become completely reconstructed from scratch.

And so, to be rejuvenated is to be renewed, repaired, restored, refreshed, reeducated, revitalized, fortified, energized, invigorated, animated, freshened, recharged, refreshed, made over, overhauled, reclaimed, reconditioned, reconstituted, redesigned, redeveloped, reengineered, refurbished, rehabbed, rehabilitated, remodeled, replenished, resupplied, jump-started, kick-started, reactivated, modernized, updated, renovated even resuscitated but NOT under any circumstances, resurrected!

Regeneration on the other hand is to be recreated, reborn and yes to a certain extent in a special way, resurrected!

Jesus wants Nicodemus along with all those that Nicodemus might contact from this point on to know: 1. Who He is; 2. What He came to earth to do and 3. How He can be known and experienced personally which exclusively begins with a unique event He calls being born from above or becoming born-again.

And Jesus is distinctively clear that He’s not referring to a religious experiential makeover or anything else that man can conjure up thinking he will please God with his man-centered legalistic antics.

Our Lord is indicating, it’s God’s work of regeneration not man’s work of rejuvenation.

Our prescription for success in enemy territory is occupation with Jesus Christ and not ourselves, others, our things or our circumstances.

The cross must come before the crown and the High Priesthood of Jesus Christ began at the cross.

Regeneration is a theological term representing the supernatural work of God in which eternal life is received by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone to a positive unbeliever soon to be a believer in Jesus Christ.

Physical birth comes through human parents making every one of us spiritually dead from birth.

But regeneration, the new birth is the work of God which makes us spiritually alive.

And how is a person born-again? Believe on TLJC!

In fact, regeneration is the basis for the Jewish race.

The basis for the origin of the Jewish race was not the physical birth of Abraham’s seed but it was and is following Abraham in faith in Jesus Christ.

