

Confession of Faith | Canons of Dort, pt. 3, art. 11-12

Pastor: When God carries out this good pleasure in the elect, or works true conversion in them, God not only sees to it that the gospel is proclaimed to them outwardly, and enlightens their minds powerfully by the Holy Spirit so that they may rightly understand and discern the things of the Spirit of God, but, by the effective operation of the same regenerating Spirit, God also penetrates into the inmost being, opens the closed heart, softens the hard heart, and circumcises the heart that is uncircumcised. God infuses new qualities into the will, making the dead will alive, the evil one good, the unwilling one willing, and the stubborn one compliant. God activates and strengthens the will so that, like a good tree, it may be enabled to produce the fruits of good deeds.

People: And this is the regeneration, the new creation, the raising from the dead, and the making alive so clearly proclaimed in the Scriptures, which God works in us without our help. But this certainly does not happen only by outward teaching, by moral persuasion, or by such a way of working that, after God's work is done, it remains in human power whether or not to be reborn or converted. Rather, it is an entirely supernatural work, one that is at the same time most powerful and most pleasing, a marvelous, hidden, and inexpressible work, which is not less than or inferior in power to that of creation or of raising the dead, as Scripture (inspired by the author of this work) teaches. As a result, all those in whose hearts God works in this marvelous way are certainly, unfailingly, and effectively reborn and do actually believe. And then the will, now renewed, is not only activated and motivated by God, but in being activated by God is also itself active. For this reason, people t-hemselves, by that grace which they have received, are also rightly said to believe and to repent.

Our Presentation of Tithes and Offerings | Venmo: @Cornerstone-OPC

Offertory Prayer

*Hymn 331 | Come, O Come, Thou Quickening Spirit

God's Call Through Preaching

Scripture Reading | Ephesians 2:4-5

Pastor: This is the word of the LORD.

People: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Proclamation | Alive in Christ

Prayer of Application

*New Songs 12 | All I Have Is Christ

GOD BLESSES US WITH HIMSELF

*God's Benediction

*Hymn 733 | Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below: alleluia, alleluia! Praise him above, ye heav'nly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*Please stand, if you are able

VISITING WITH US?

WELCOME



We are so glad you have come to worship with us this evening! Please fill out a connect card in the church foyer or scan the QR code so we can learn how best to serve you. Learn more about us at cornerstone-opc.org.

NURSERY

We welcome and encourage children of all ages to participate in public worship. For families with young children there is a nursery available next door, though it is not staffed during the evening service. Please ask the usher for more information.

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ALIVE IN CHRIST

Ephesians 2:4-5

We are regenerated through the saving embrace of the risen Christ.

I. Spiritual life arises from *unilateral* grace.

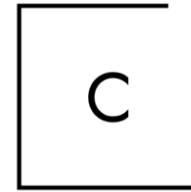
II. Spiritual life arises from *uniting* grace.

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. What is regeneration?
2. How does regeneration relate to effectual calling? Why do our confessional standards not have a separate treatment of regeneration?
3. What did Pastor Nick mean when he called us “spiritual zombies” before we become Christians? What language does the Bible use to describe our depravity, and what does that teach us about our salvation?
4. Does faith come before regeneration or regeneration before faith? Why does it matter?
5. How does Paul describe our new life in relation to Jesus? Can we have new life apart from Him? Why, or why not?
6. How can you know that you are born again?

QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. Why is it important to distinguish regeneration from effectual calling while never separating them?
2. How does the imagery of both death and birth highlight my spiritual inability and passivity in salvation? How should I respond to these humbling truths?
3. Has the life-giving embrace of Christ led me to lovingly embrace Him in response?



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Cornerstone Presbyterian Church is a community of believers devoted to glorifying our Triune God through God-centered theology, God-ordered worship, God-delighting piety, God-exalting leadership, and God-dependent mission.

LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

May 3, 2026 PM

Welcome, Announcements, & Corporate Prayer

GOD BECKONS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

***God's Call to Worship** | Psalm 119:89-96

Pastor: Forever, O LORD, your word is firmly fixed in the heavens. Your faithfulness endures to all generations; you have established the earth, and it stands fast.

People: By your appointment they stand this day, for all things are your servants. If your law had not been my delight, I would have perished in my affliction.

Pastor: I will never forget your precepts, for by them you have given me life. I am yours; save me, for I have sought your precepts.

People: The wicked lie in wait to destroy me, but I consider your testimonies. I have seen a limit to all perfection, but your commandment is exceedingly broad.

***Hymn 152** | The Law of the Lord Is Perfect

GOD BEAUTIFIES US FOR HIMSELF

God's Call Through Scripture | Ezekiel 37:1-14