

THIS I BELIEVE

Embrace Church School of Ministry

What do you believe?

Why do you believe it?

**What are you going to do
about it?**

Focus Scripture

“But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect”

1 Peter 3:15

Articles of Christian Faith

- Triune God
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- The Fall of Man
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- The World to Come

Freeness of Salvation & Regeneration

Lesson 4

VI. The Freeness of Salvation.

We believe that the Scriptures teach that the blessings of salvation are made **free to all by the Gospel**; that it is the immediate duty of all to **accept them by cordial, penitent and obedient faith**; and that **nothing prevents the salvation** of the greatest sinner on earth, but his own determined depravity and **voluntary rejection of the Gospel**; which rejection involves him in an aggravated condemnation.

- Hebrews 11:6
- Matt 12: 22-32
- John 5: 11-13
- John 6: 37,39

VII. Regeneration.

We believe that the Scriptures teach that in order to be saved, sinners must be regenerated, or **born again**; that regeneration consists in giving a **holy disposition to the mind** that it is effected in a manner above our comprehension by the power of the Holy Spirit in connection with divine truth, so as to secure our **voluntary obedience to the Gospel**; and that its proper evidence appears in the holy fruits of **repentance and faith, and newness of life**.

- John 3:3-7

Regeneration: What Is it?

- **The act of God imparting spiritual life to repentant sinners**
 - “He saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit [NLT].” Titus 3:5
- **Takes place the instant a sinner becomes a believer**
 - “And because of his glory and excellence, he has given us great and precious promises. These are the promises that enable you to share his divine nature and escape the world’s corruption caused by human desires [NLT]”. 2 Peter 1:4
 - “This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! [NLT]” 2 Corinthians 5:17

**Regeneration & Assurance of
Salvation:** Why are they important?

Repentance & Faith

Lesson 5

Article 8: Repentance & Faith

VIII. Repentance and Faith.

We believe the Scriptures teach that repentance and faith are sacred duties, and also inseparable graces, wrought in our souls by the regenerating Spirit of God; whereby being deeply convinced of our guilt, danger and helplessness and of the way of salvation by Christ, we turn to God with unfeigned contrition, confession, and supplication for mercy; at the same time heartily receiving the Lord Jesus Christ as our prophet, priest and king, and relying on him alone as the only and all-sufficient Savior