

The Doctrine of fear: Reconciliation: Barrier Problems Resolved at Salvation; Reconciliation to God through Christ is the Model for Reconciliation among Believers

6- Three other increments of the Barrier are removed at the moment of salvation:

- 1) Physical Birth: We are born with the genetic transfer of the old sin nature into every cell of our bodies. Adam's original sin is imputed to this sinful nature. We are physically alive but spiritually dead. Born dichotomous, we have body and soul but no human spirit.

John 3:6 - "That which is born from the source of the flesh is flesh and that which is born from the source of the Holy Spirit is spirit.

v 7 - "Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.'"

Solution: The spiritual birth: *γαννάω ἄνωθεν / gannaō anōthen* / "born again." The mechanics of the second birth include the creation of a human spirit by God the Holy Spirit at the moment of faith in Christ and imputation of eternal life to that human spirit. This is the doctrine of Regeneration.

John 3:16 - [CTL] "For God unconditionally loved the world so much that it resulted in Him giving His Son—the uniquely-born One—for the purpose of assuring that everyone who believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."

- 2) Relative Righteousness: Perfect God is perfectly righteous, imperfect man is totally unrighteous. We cannot measure up to divine righteousness because we are born in sin. Therefore, all our attempts at achieving righteousness are only self-righteousness producing human good and evil.

Isaiah 64:6 - All of us have become like one who is unclean and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy garment ...

Solution: The Greek word λογίζομαι /logizomai/ means to credit something to someone's account. The work of Christ debits from our account our relative righteousness and credits to our account His perfect righteousness. This is the doctrine of Imputation and it results in our justification before God.

2 Corinthians 5:21 - He Who knew no sin was made sin as a substitute for us that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

- 3) Position in Adam: By Adam's willful disobedience, sin and spiritual death came upon the entire human race. Our position in Adam requires justice to condemn us at physical birth as spiritually dead.

1 Corinthians 15:22a - For as in Adam all die ...

Solution: The establishment of a new relationship with Christ. At salvation the Holy Spirit baptizes us into Union with Christ. This results in Top Circle assets which can never be revoked. This is the doctrine of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

1 Corinthians 15:22b - ...so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

- 7- The first four increments of the Barrier were removed by the work of Christ on the cross for the entire human race.
- 8- The last three are removed by the lost sinner's ratification of the Lord's peace treaty through faith alone in Christ alone.
- 9- The end result is reconciliation: The removal of the insurmountable barrier—spiritual death, personal sins, the curse of the Law, the integrity of God, physical birth, relative righteousness, and position in Adam—that exists between God and man through the work of Christ on the cross.

2 Corinthians 5:18 - God ... reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation,

v 19 - namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them ...

- 10- Reconciliation means that God through Christ was able to lift totally depraved mankind up to His perfect standard.
- 11- That perfect standard is His righteousness which He has imputed to us.
- 12- The Church Age believer is able to take the divine operating assets, also imputed at salvation, and develop capacity righteousness.
- 13- This involves the utilization of the spiritual life invented, demonstrated, and proved by Christ in the Incarnation and converting it into a spiritual reality in our lives.
- 14- Through spiritual growth we gradually advance to a level of thinking characterized by that of Christ in the Incarnation.
- 15- Further we begin to make decisions based on His example, supplemented by His Word.
- 16- Finally, we convert this thinking and decision-making into actions which glorify Him.
- 17- Since all members of the royal family have been reconciled to God at the moment of salvation, it follows logically that all members of the body of Christ should be reconciled to each other.