

Apparently Dr. Chafer realized the problem of depravity as it appears in both Testaments and in an attempt to unify his soteriological concepts relating to the two Testaments he makes the following concession:

With respect to regeneration, the Old Testament saints were evidently renewed; but as there is no definite doctrinal teaching relative to the extent and character of that renewal, no positive declaration can be made.

The problem of a concession of this nature is that the reader is still left with the basic problem of depravity. What precisely is this "renewal" that is spoken of? So far as evidence is concerned it finds no parallel in Old Testament teaching, for the promise of the Lord to Israel was not a "renewed" heart but a "new" heart. This method of handling the problem is merely a diversion and not a solution.<sup>1</sup>

It would seem therefore, that there is no real ground for denying regeneration to a saved individual in any age.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>Ibid., pp. 79-80.

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