

forth the fruit of the Spirit in their lives (albeit imperfectly, just as we do today); then it would appear that Old Testament believers must be viewed as regenerate, born of the Spirit, born again, born from above, and begotten of God.

Summary of Data from these Two Problems

At the outset of this section, it was pointed out that two problems are raised by viewing Old Testament believers as unregenerate:

(1) The irreconcilability of certain New Testament characterizations of the unregenerate state with Old Testament characterizations of the state of the Old Testament believer, and (2) The necessary relation between regeneration and other scriptural facts and doctrines, theologically considered.

To summarize the evidence and the inferences drawn under the headings of these two problems, six propositions may be drawn:

1. All natural descendants of Adam are, in their natural state, spiritually dead.
2. Regeneration is the impartation, by the Holy Spirit, of spiritual life to those who are spiritually dead.
3. The only means by which those spiritually dead can become spiritually alive is regeneration.
4. Old Testament believers manifested spiritual life. Among other characteristics, they:
 - a. believed God
 - b. loved God
 - c. loved the things of God
 - d. understood the things of God (partially)
 - e. obeyed God
 - f. did the will of God
 - g. pleased God