

An aerial photograph of ocean waves breaking on a beach at sunset. The sky is a deep orange and red, and the water is a mix of dark blue and lighter, shimmering tones. The waves are captured in motion, with white foam visible as they break. The overall mood is serene and majestic.

THE NEW BIRTH

Regeneration.



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The Holy Bible: King James Version, Electronic Edition of the 1900 Authorized Version. (Bellingham, WA: Logos Research Systems, Inc., 2009), Jn 3:3–5.

Man is a fallen creature. It is not that a few leaves have faded, but that the entire tree has become rotten, root and branch. There is in every one that which is radically wrong. The word “radical” comes from a Latin one which means “the root,” so that when we say a man is radically wrong, we mean that there is in him, in the very foundation and fiber of his being, that which is intrinsically corrupt and essentially evil.

Arthur Warkington Pink, *Regeneration, or the New Birth* (Bellingham, WA: Logos Bible Software, 2005), 8.

Sins are merely the fruit, there must of necessity be a root from which they spring. It follows, then, as an inevitable consequence that man needs the aid of a Higher Power to effect a radical change in him. There is only One who can effect that change: God created man, and God alone can re-create him. Hence the imperative demand, “Ye must be born again” (John 3:7). Man is spiritually dead and naught but a mighty power can make him alive.

Arthur Warkington Pink, *Regeneration, or the New Birth* (Bellingham, WA: Logos Bible Software, 2005), 8.

But let it be stated very emphatically that a “nature” is not a concrete entity, but rather that which characterizes and impels an entity or creature. It is the nature of gravitation to attract, it is the nature of the wind to blow, it is the nature of fire to burn. A “nature” is not a tangible thing, but a principle of operation, a power impelling to action. Thus, when we say that fallen man possesses a “sinful nature,” it must not be understood that something as substantial as his soul or spirit was added to his being, but instead, that the principle of evil entered into him, which polluted and defiled every part of his constitution, as frost entering fruit spoils it.

Arthur Walkington Pink, *Regeneration, or the New Birth*
(Bellingham, WA: Logos Bible Software, 2005), 17.

4 Whereby are given unto us
exceeding great and precious
promises: that by these ye might be
partakers of the divine nature,
having escaped the corruption that
is in the world through lust.

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1900 Authorized Version. (Bellingham, WA: Logos Research
Systems, Inc., 2009), 2 Pe 1:4.



DESIRE'S

Change

CHANGE

As “justification” describes the change in the Christian’s objective relationship to God, so “regeneration” denotes that intrinsic subjective change which is wrought in the inclinations and tendencies of their souls Godwards.

Arthur Walkington Pink, *Regeneration, or the New Birth* (Bellingham, WA: Logos Bible Software, 2005), 21.

POWER TO LIVE A NEW LIFE

8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

The Holy Bible: King James Version, Electronic Edition of the 1900 Authorized Version. (Bellingham, WA: Logos Research Systems, Inc., 2009), Ac 1:7–8.

RESULTS: TWO NATURES

It has often been said that in the Christian there are two distinct and diverse “natures,” namely, the “flesh” and the “spirit” (Gal. 5:17). This is true, yet care must be taken to avoid regarding these two “natures” as anything more than two principles of action. Thus in Rom. 7:23 the two “natures” or “principles” in the Christian are spoken of as “I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind.”

Arthur Walkington Pink, *Regeneration, or the New Birth* (Bellingham, WA: Logos Bible Software, 2005), 21.

FLESH LEADS TO DEFEAT

21 I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me. 22 For I delight in the law of God after the inward man: 23 But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. 24 O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? 25 I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.

The Holy Bible: King James Version, Electronic Edition of the 1900 Authorized Version. (Bellingham, WA: Logos Research Systems, Inc., 2009), Ro 7:20–25.

SPIRIT LEADS TO VICTORY

8 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. 3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: 4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

The Holy Bible: King James Version, Electronic Edition of the 1900 Authorized Version. (Bellingham, WA: Logos Research Systems, Inc., 2009), Ro 8.

BEGOTTEN BY THE WORD

15 For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet have ye not many fathers: for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel.

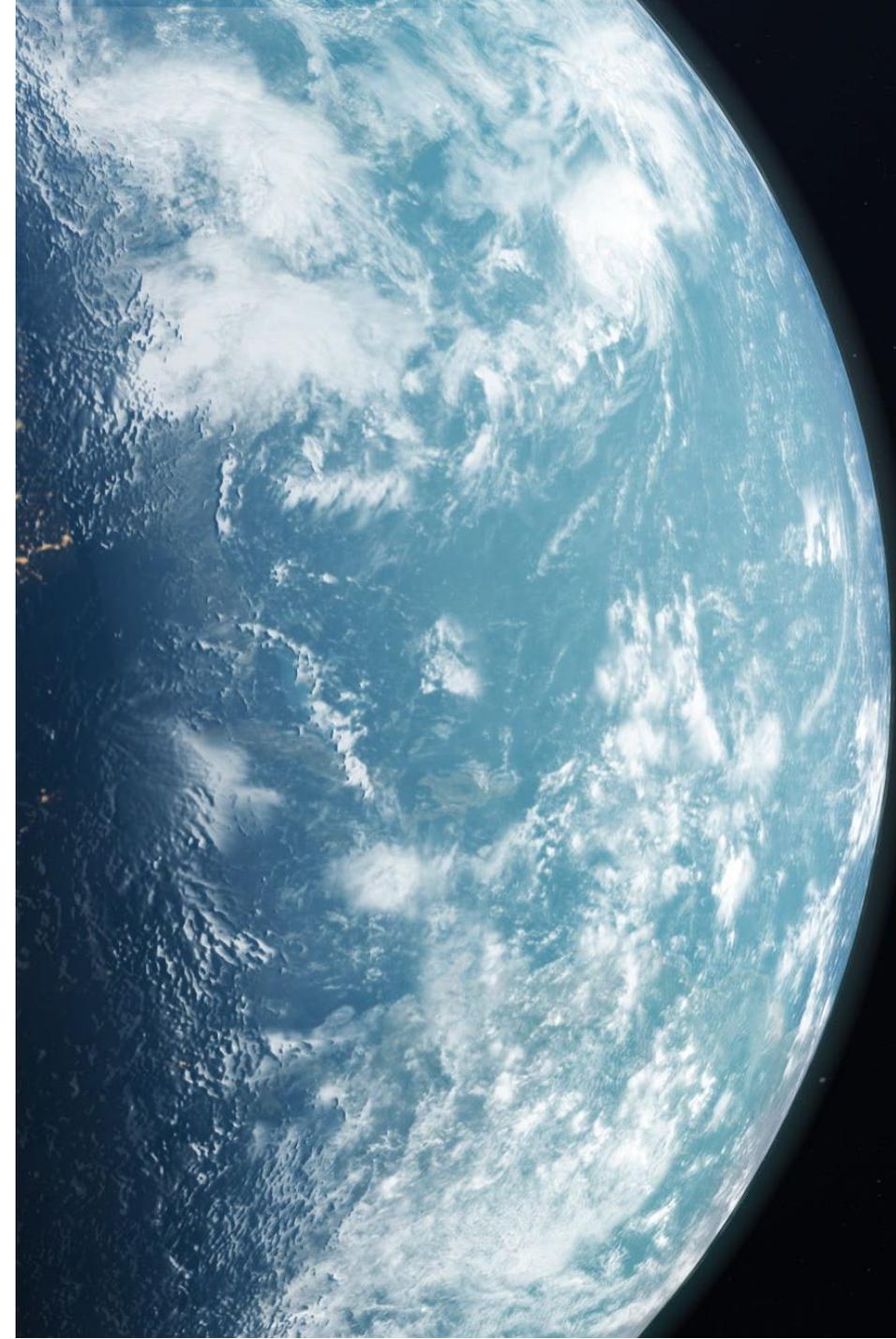
The Holy Bible: King James Version, Electronic Edition of the 1900 Authorized Version. (Bellingham, WA: Logos Research Systems, Inc., 2009), 1 Co 4:15.



CREATION

As it was in the old creation, so it is in connection with the new. “In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth” (Gen. 1:1). That was the original creation. Then came degeneration: “And the earth became without form and void (a desolate waste) and darkness was upon the face of the deep.” Next came restoration: “And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters, and God said, Let there be light: and there was light.” So it is when God begins to restore fallen man: “For God who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ” (2 Cor. 4:6).

Arthur Walkington Pink, *Regeneration, or the New Birth* (Bellingham, WA: Logos Bible Software, 2005), 29.



TIME

38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Acts 2:38

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