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In Trust With The Gospel

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Being Born Again

Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever. [1Pe 1:23 KJV]

We believe the scripture teaches direct immediate regeneration by the life giving voice of the Son of God. John 5:25 and John 6:63 for starters.

Lets examine what Peter is really telling us.

He says being born again is not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God which liveth and abideth forever.

The word of God here is not the written word, but the living Word, Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ is that incorruptible seed. (see 1 John 3:9)

Jesus Himself can not be nor has He ever seen corruption.

However, the written word of God, unfortunately can be and is corrupted by men.

For we are not as many, which corrupt the word of God: but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God speak we in Christ. 2 Cor 2:17 KJV]

Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition, which ye have delivered: and many such like things do ye. [Mar 7:13 KJV]

And the burden of the LORD shall ye mention no more: for every man's word shall be his burden; for ye have perverted the words of the living God, of the LORD of hosts our God. [Jer 23:36 KJV]

Every day they wrest my words: all their thoughts [are] against me for evil. [Psa 56:5 KJV]

But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. [2Co 4:2 KJV]

And besides all these evidences that the written word of the gospel can be corrupted, lets look at this.

All scripture [is] given by inspiration of God, and [is] profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works. [2Ti 3:16-17 KJV]

If the scripture was instrumental in regeneration, it would be in this list of things the scripture is profitable for. REGENERATION IS NOT IN THE LIST.