

Calvinism – Regeneration Precedes Faith

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John 3:3 NASB

Jesus answered and said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."

Acts 16:14 NASB

A woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple fabrics, a worshiper of God, was listening; and the Lord opened her heart to respond to the things spoken by Paul.

1 Corinthians 12:3 NASB

Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus is accursed"; and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.

1 John 4:2,7,13,15,19 NASB

By this you know the Spirit of God: very spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God [7] Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. [13] By this we know that we abide in Him and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. [15] Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. [19] We love, because He first loved us.

1 John 5:1 NASB

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and whoever loves the Father loves the child born of Him.

You must be regenerated in order to "see", "confess that Jesus is Lord", "respond"...etc. It says that while we were dead the Spirit "made us alive" meaning that it wasn't a confession of faith that made us alive, but rather the Spirit FIRST.

Ephesians 2:5 NASB

even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ by grace you have been saved,

Does the flesh profit the non-spiritual man in anyway that would cause him to suddenly have faith?

John 6:63-65 NASB

It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life. [64] But there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe, and who it was that would betray Him. [65] And He was saying, "For this reason I have said to you, that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted him from the Father."