

CGC Adult Christian Education
Articles of Faith and Doctrine of the Associated Gospel Churches
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IX. Regeneration by the Holy Spirit

We believe that, owing to the universal depravity and death in sin, no one can see or enter the kingdom of God unless born of the Spirit whereby he becomes a new creation, sealed unto the day of Redemption.

John 3:5-8; James 1:18; Galatians 6:15; 1 Peter 1:23; Ephesians 1:13; 1 John 5:1; Titus 3:5

X. The Believer's Eternal Salvation

We believe in the eternal salvation of all who are actually born again by the Spirit of God through faith in Christ as revealed in the Scriptures, and that it is the privilege of all such to be assured of their present salvation and eternal life.

John 5:24; Hebrews 10:24; John 10:28-29; Romans 8:28-39; 1 John 5:11-13; Philippians 1:6

Discuss the following questions. You may make reference to the above articles and verses, or to other Scripture passages.

-What does it mean to be "born again"? How does one become born again?

-Can a believer lose his salvation (or is it, "Once saved, always saved")? How can we "be assured of our present salvation and eternal life" (or can we)? What about those who seem to believe, but ultimately walk away from the faith?