

The Work of the Spirit in Regeneration

The task of theology can be prone to reducing faith to mere intellectual assent, so mistaking the nature of faith. Through a systematic and historical study, this session will look at the necessary work of the Spirit in regenerating the heart and its importance for understanding both faith and the task of theology.

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I. Introduction: Regeneration and Faith

II. A Brief History

A. The Reformation and regeneration

B. Evangelical “conversionism”

III. Evangelicalism’s “Great Trouble”

A. Introducing Sandemanianism

B. Andrew Fuller's *Strictures on Sandemanianism*

IV. Conclusions

A. What is saving faith?

B. Regeneration and the task of theology

Suggested Reading:

- D.M. Lloyd-Jones, "Sandemanianism," in *The Puritans: Their Origins and Successors. Addresses Delivered at the Puritan and Westminster Conferences 1959–1978* (Edinburgh: The Banner of Truth Trust, 1987), 170–190
- Andrew Fuller, *Strictures on Sandemanianism, in Twelve Letters to A Friend (The Complete Works of the Rev. Andrew Fuller, ed. Joseph Belcher [1845 ed.; repr. Harrisonburg, Virginia: Sprinkle Publications, 1988])*
- Michael Reeves, *Evangelical Pharisees* (Wheaton, IL.: Crossway, 2023)