

OLD TESTAMENT SAINTS WERE REGENERATED AND SEALED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT

Abraham and David were spiritually alive to God and had the ability to please God. Without faith it is impossible to please God. They believed in the coming Messiah for receiving eternal life. Their faith is an example to us that we must believe in Jesus as our Messiah for receiving eternal life (Romans 4). At Calvary, Jesus took away the sins of the world (John 1:29). In Old Testament times God applied the blood of Christ to Old Testament Saints and they were given a new heart, a new birth, and eternal life (John 6:47) as God passed over their sins previously committed (Romans 3:25). Jesus indicated to Nicodemus that he should have known about the new birth from the teachings of the Old Testament (John 3:11).

Anna, Simeon, Lazarus, Mary, and Martha believed in the coming Messiah for eternal life and were spiritually alive to God. Having eternal life equates to having been born again, regenerated, and sealed by the Spirit (John 6:47).

In Samaria, after Pentecost, receptive people were born again and sealed by the Spirit but did not receive the indwelling of the Spirit nor Baptism of the Spirit into the Body of Christ until Peter and John laid hands on them and told them about the Holy Spirit. After the Rapture of the Church the baptism ministry of the Spirit will cease to exist for tribulation saints because it is a baptism into the Church, the Body of Christ.

From Eden, all who simply believe in the Messiah for eternal life are regenerated, born again, believers. Prior to Pentecost, believers were regenerated and sealed. Today believers are regenerated, sealed, indwelled, and baptized into the Body of Christ. After the Rapture of the Church, tribulation saints are regenerated, sealed, and indwelled by the Holy Spirit.