

Sermon Notes 06.18.2017 – Father’s Day
Being a father is Different Than Being a Mother

Generations & Begetting

Genesis 6:5-11 Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. **6** The LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. **7** The LORD said, "I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, from man to animals to creeping things and to birds of the sky; for I am sorry that I have made them."

8 But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD. **9** These are the records of the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his time; Noah walked with God. **10** Noah became the father of three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth. **11** Now the earth was corrupt in the sight of God, and the earth was filled with violence.

**There is a common sense that “generation” means a time and a family
But there is an important, though obscure, meaning lying just beneath the surface:**

- **Generations are what we generate that fill our families and their times.**
- **We fill the earth with people, but we also fill the earth with either righteousness or corruption – these are our generations / our legacy**

Isaiah 59:4 “... They conceive mischief and bring forth iniquity.”

James 1:14-18 But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust.

15 Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death. **16** Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren. **17** Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow. **18** In the exercise of His will He brought us forth by the word of truth, so that we would be a kind of first fruits among His creatures.

- **There are things “conceived” in our heart that “bring forth”**
- **The Gospel “brought us forth” – New Life/ New Heart**

1 John 3:9-11 No one who is born of God practices sin, because His seed abides in him; and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. **10** By this the children of God and the children of the devil are obvious: anyone who does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor the one who does not love his brother. **11** For this is the message which you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another;

1 **For his seed remaineth in him** - there is something abiding in the heart of the true Christian which the apostle here calls “seed,” which will prevent his sinning. ...It is applied in the New Testament to the word of God, or the gospel, as that which produces effects in the heart and life similar to what seed that is sown does. ... But that which abides in the heart of a Christian is not the naked word of God; the mere gospel, or mere truth; it is rather that word as made vital and efficacious by the

produces effects in the heart and life similar to what seed that is sown does. ... But that which abides in the heart of a Christian is not the naked word of God; the mere gospel, or mere truth; it is rather that word as made vital and efficacious by the influence of his Spirit; the germ of the divine life; the principles of true piety in the

Peter 1:23-25 for **you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is, through the living and enduring word of God.** 24 For, "ALL FLESH IS LIKE GRASS, AND ALL ITS GLORY LIKE THE FLOWER OF GRASS. THE GRASS WITHERS, AND THE FLOWER FALLS OFF, 25 **BUT THE WORD OF THE LORD ENDURES FOREVER.**" And this is the word which was preached to you.

The natural life that we inherited from Adam & Eve through our parents perishes. It is capable of generating, bringing forth, more life that will eventually perish. **The Life that we received when we received Christ is able to produce in others a life that is everlasting**

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

As We Stand Up As Fathers – We “engender” / “Generate” In Others, What is In Us

A Word Between a Spiritual Father and a Spiritual Son

1 Corinthians 4:15-17 For if you were to have countless tutors in Christ, **yet you would not have many fathers, for in Christ Jesus I became your father through the gospel.** 16 **Therefore I exhort you, be imitators of me.** 17 For this reason I have sent to you Timothy, who is my beloved and faithful child in the Lord, and **he will remind you of my ways which are in Christ,** just as I teach everywhere in every church.

We Beget: Life that perishes, Lives affected by the Gospel, & Imitation of Our Ways

As Father’s We Have Power to “Beget” to “Generate” –

Be Mindful of What We Generate in Others

“Keep watch over (their) souls as those who will give an account

Hebrews 13:7 & 17 Remember those who led you, who spoke the word of God to you; and **considering the result of their conduct, imitate their faith.** 17 Obey your leaders and submit *to them*, **for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account...**