



THE 'DEI' (Necessities) FOR THE GRACE BELIEVER

Scripture Reading:

John 3:1-6

INTRODUCTION and OVERVIEW

- A recent policy term in the US has been coined for the purpose of promoting fair and just treatment of under-represented groups of people in employment practices. The term is DEI: diversity, equity, and inclusion.
 - The intended purpose is good, but much of the implementation of this policy has been perverted by humanistic values.
- The NT grace-believers have their own DEI program.
 - Based of the Greek word 'dei' which is used 106x and is translated "must", "ought", and "should" in the KJV. This word explains the necessities that God has set forth for one to become and then to live as a Christian.

REVIEW

- Last week, we saw the same word **'dei'** describe the necessities of the early life of Jesus:
 - He must be about my Father's business
 - He must do and say all that the Father showed Him and told Him
 - He must suffer many things, be killed, and rise again the third day
 - "He must fulfill all OT Scripture concerning Himself
- Today, we look at the necessities of any who would become a Christian, and then live as a Christian

THE NECESSITY OF THE NEW BIRTH

- Jn 3:7 – “You MUST be born from above”
- Franklin Graham’s reply to “Is the Pope in Heaven?”
- Catholicism's understanding of the “new birth” in Jn 3:5 to be the result of water baptism, Notice:
 - 1. Acts 10:44 – believed, saved, water baptized
 - 2. Acts 16:30-33 – believe, saved, water baptized
 - 3. I Cor 1:14 – Paul thanked God the he baptized none except Crispus Gaius, and Stephanas household

THE NECESSITY OF THE NEW BIRTH (continued)

- 5. Roman 4:1-5 – Abraham was saved by faith alone
 - cf 4:11, his circumcision came AFTER he was declared righteous by FAITH ALONE
- 6. Jn 3:5- Here, water is a reference to the Holy Spirit
 - cf Jn 7:37-39, Jn 16:8-11)
- 7. There are TWO baptisms for the NT grace believer
 - Holy Spirit baptism saves – I Cor 12:13
 - Water baptism outwardly declares this inward salvation to men

CONCLUSION

This necessary salvation is experienced by FAITH ALONE. In Christ – His death for your sins and His bodily resurrection from the dead ALONE.

Any good works on our part – even water baptism – is the RESULT of salvation, not the cause of salvation.