

Answer Key for Students

Decisional Regeneration Course DRE

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You have been encouraged to use your own words while formulating answers from the reading text. It is OK when you occasionally quote directly from the text; but you should not be doing so often. We are looking for your own thoughts and words in order to demonstrate your understanding of what you have read. In this answer key, we have often quoted from the text directly. This has been done in order to have an accurate standard of comparison for your answers in your own words. Therefore, your answers are acceptable whenever they are a reasonable representation of the general gist of the text; we do not require or want an exact match with our answers provided herein.

There are many questions that ask for a personal response. We suggest you review these with your pastor or other mature, Bible-believing Christian that you know. Answers or words not from the reading text are set in brackets.

Lesson One: Defining the Problem

1. a. God's work by the Holy Spirit in changing a sinner's heart and bringing him to faith in Jesus Christ.
b. It is not something that man does or can do, but something that God does.
2. Baptismal Regeneration teaches that the waters of baptism convey the new birth. Man performs this and it is in his control.
3. a. The best way to promote union is to promote truth.
b. [Because] it will not do for us to be all united together by yielding to one another's mistakes.
4. ...our purpose is not to question the sincerity of some Christians...but to unite Christians in the truth as it is in our Lord.
5. that because they have "decided" or "signed a card," they are going to heaven and are no longer under the wrath of God.
6. Counselors are often instructed to assure an individual that his salvation is certain because he has prayed a prescribed prayer and because he has said "yes" to all the right questions.
7. a. ...a mechanical element, such as the repeating of a prayer or signing of a card, with the individual assured of salvation.
b. Regeneration has thereby been reduced to a procedure that man performs.
8. He dealt with every individual on a personal basis.
9. [The result is that he does not doubt whether he is a Christian, even when there is no radical change in his life. He is still thinking he is going to heaven, even though every indication is that he has no new heart and is going to hell.]
10. a. He is living a worldly lifestyle and may just need instruction in holiness.
b. He is living a worldly lifestyle and may need to be in some sort of discipleship program to help him to "grow."
c. He is living a worldly lifestyle and must realize that he does not have a new heart and is not saved.
11. [Because a] change of nature is not in man's power! [If he thinks he is a Christian because of his "decision," and there is no change of life from enjoying sin to loving godliness, then he is not saved. The Holy Spirit has not yet regenerated him!]
12. 1) Some of them may believe their eternal destinies were determined by their decisions, which is a fatal confidence if no change was wrought in their hearts and lives. 2) Others may conclude that they have experienced all that Christianity has to offer. Failing to feel or see any promised change in themselves, they have become convinced that Christianity is a fake and that those who hold it are either self-deluded fanatics or miserable hypocrites.
13. Personal answer

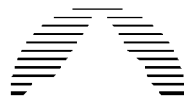
Lesson Two: Calling Men to Christ

1. [It] was introduced by Mr. Finney in the second decade of the nineteenth century.
2. None!
3. [When Peter stopped preaching, then the people were pricked in their hearts, and sought salvation, which was the result of the work of the Spirit of God, not of clever appeals or psychological pressure—and 3,000 were saved!]
4. a. Acts 16:31 "And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house."
b. Romans 10:9 "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."
5. [He called them to call upon the Lord, believing in Christ's finished work alone, trusting in none else.]
6. a. John 6:37 "All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out."
b. John 6:44 "No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him..."
7. Coming to Christ means repenting of one's sins and believing on Him for the pardon of sins.
8. [It has caused ministers to use more and more manipulative techniques to get people to make a decision.]
9. Being dead→new birth→faith/repentance→being alive
10. [Preaching is God's method for saving the lost.]

11. a. Personal answer
- b. Personal answer

Lesson Three: Truth for the Way Forward

1. It hinges on this basic question: whether true religion is the work of God or of man.
2. To believe in the power of man in the work of regeneration is the great heresy of Rome.
3. a. [Only when he is brought to a practical conviction of the truth that the unrenewed man can do nothing of himself to secure his salvation.]
b. [Because only] when thus convicted, and not before, he seeks help from the only source whence it can be obtained.
4. a. Ephesians 2:1 “And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins.”
b. Romans 8:8 “So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.”
c. John 6:65 [Salvation is of the Lord! (Jon 2:9)]
5. a. [Because] this state of death and bondage to sin cannot be changed by making a decision or by walking an aisle.
b. Only the Spirit of God can create a new man in Christ. God in His grace gives men new hearts. Only then can they willingly repent and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ.
c. John 5:21 Jesus Christ also clearly said, “For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will.”
6. a. [Only if] we see it against the background of man’s desperate condition.
b. [Because otherwise] we cannot see...[i.e., all we will see is man’s cleverness or his desire to avoid hell.]
7. [Because] with every passing week, thousands are being counseled into a false hope!
8. Men must 1) turn afresh to Christ’s directions for counseling, 2) for the preaching of His gospel, and 3) for calling sinners to repentance and faith.
9. a. Personal answer
b. Personal answer



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