

5. Col. 12. 13. Some indeed suppose that *Regeneration* and the new Creature includes no more than what is done for us in Baptism; as a learned Doctor intimated to his Auditory, when in a Discourse on that subject, he pointed to the *Font*, and told them, *There they were all regenerated.*

But let no Man deceive you with vain Words; nor let any Man deceive himself; for unless a Man be *born of Water and of the Spirit*; he cannot see the Kingdom of God.

“ These Words *Water and Spirit* express the same Thing, and signify *the Grace of the Spirit of God*. Nor has Baptism any regenerating Influence in it. Therefore a Person may be baptised, and yet not born again.”

But if we be not regenerated and quickened by the Spirit of God, and don't become new Creatures in Christ, we have no well grounded hope of eternal Life: nor can we die in Peace with God; for we are yet in our Sins. If we have not the Spirit of Christ we are none of his: yea, nothing in God's Esteem; nothing as Christians. True Godliness therefore is the *principal Thing*.

“ It is so, as it is that which recommends us to God, which beautifies the Soul, which enables us to answer the end of our Creation, to live to some good Purpose in the World, and to get to Heaven at last.”

Many adorn their Bodies with costly Ornaments and Apparel to attract the Eyes of vain Spectators, and gratify their own Pride; but neglect their sinful *Souls*, that stand in need of more care and adorning than these vile Bodies.

Therefore the Apostle exhorts the *Female Sex*, to beautify and