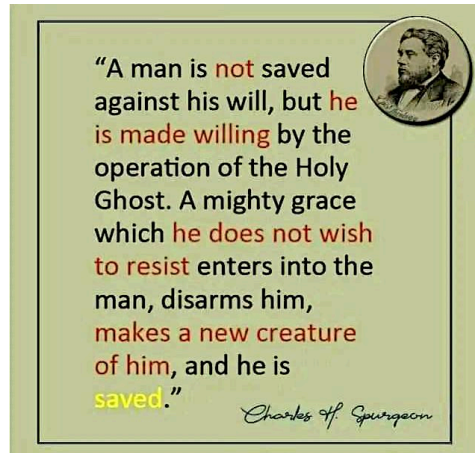


# Do Caterpillars Choose To Become Butterflies?



**"A man is not saved against his will, but he is made willing by the operation of the Holy Ghost. A mighty grace which he does not wish to resist enters into the man disarms him, makes a new creature of him, and he is saved." - Charles H. Spurgeon**

I have to say that I agree with Charles Spurgeon based upon my own personal experience in coming to Christ... which I believe is in line with Ezekiel 36:25-27...

*25 Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you.*

*26 A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.*

*27 And I will put my spirit within you, AND CAUSE YOU to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.*

So are we just robots that God is in total control of? That is a commonly asked question to those who don't seem to understand that the unsaved are spiritually dead. If a robot is PROGRAMMED to kill, wouldn't it have to be REPROGRAMMED to NOT kill? Sinners - as a result of the fall of Adam - are programmed to sin, to LIKE sin, to HATE holiness and to want to FLEE from God (the thrice-holy god of the Bible), not programmed to CHOOSE Him and His righteousness and His holiness...

*19 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.*

*20 For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved." John 3:19-20*

Hence, the REPROGRAMMING of Holy Spirit **regeneration** is required to change the DESIRES of the sinner. A person is either a slave to sin or a slave to righteousness... so it is regeneration by the Holy Spirit - an act of GOD -

that makes us want God, makes us want to OBEY God, and makes us want to AVOID sin.

Just as a butterfly wants things that it never wanted as a caterpillar, a butterfly feeds on **nectar** after being transformed from a caterpillar, which feeds on **leaves**. Will a caterpillar CHOOSE to feed on nectar? Absolutely not. Does he even CHOOSE to become a butterfly? Or is his transformation an act of God? Something to think about. — *RM Kane*

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