

## **The Fruit from the Holy Spirit**

### *The New Birth*

- I.** The Holy Spirit is a Person of the Godhead.
  1. He displays personality: loves, grieves, desires, speaks, *etc.*
  2. Jesus prophesied that the Holy Spirit would change His ministry: reprove/convict, guild, teach, comfort, *etc.*
  3. The Holy Spirit was sent at Pentecost (Acts 2:1-4).
- II.** At salvation the Holy Spirit convicts a person of the reality:
  1. Of the his sin guilt (Jn. 16:8-9; Rom. 6:23).
  2. Of Christ's vicarious payment for his sins (1 Cor. 15:3; 6:20; 7:23; 2 Cor. 5:21).
  3. The person is then given faith to "see" the truth of the Gospel (1 Cor. 3:5; Gal. 3:22; Phil. 1:28-29).
  4. This faith regarding the Gospel is pictured
    - 1) As light shining in darkness of the person's heart (2 Cor. 4:4-6).
    - 2) As a birth process:
      - i. The womb is the Gospel, σπορά, spora, #4701 the place where seed is sown (1 Pet. 1:23, 25).
      - ii. The Father provides the semen, σπέρμα, sperma, #4690, the thing sown (1 Jn. 3:9).
- III.** Regeneration is the process and the new birth is the product.
  1. Conception precedes physical birth—the 1<sup>st</sup> birth.
  2. Regeneration precedes spiritual birth—the 2<sup>nd</sup> birth.
  3. As a result, we are born again out of God the Father. The Father is the source of our new birth (1 Jn. 3:9).
- IV.** The New Birth compared to the 1<sup>st</sup> birth.
  1. Both are real (Jn. 3:3-5).
  2. Both have a source outside that which is born (Jn. 3:6).
  3. Both are similar in the sense they are a process.
- V.** The New Birth contrasted to the 1<sup>st</sup> birth.
  1. The 1<sup>st</sup> birth is flesh and remains flesh—physical (Jn. 3:6).
  2. The 2<sup>nd</sup> birth is in the realm of the human spirit by the Holy Spirit—spiritual (Jn. 3:6-7; 1 Cor. 6:17; Tit. 3:5).