

The Fruit from the Holy Spirit

The New Birth, part 2

- I.** The Holy Spirit gives the faith to believe the Gospel (1 Cor. 3:5; Gal. 3:22; Phil. 1:28-29).
 1. Faith, Promise from God, Hope (Heb. 11:1; 10:23).
 - 1) The Promise: “The Gospel is the bases for salvation.”
 - 2) The Hope: “The Gospel contains everything to save you.”
 2. Salvation ends spiritual death: separation from God (Rom. 6:23).
 3. Salvation is likened unto our first birth:
 - 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).
- II.** Regeneration is the process and the new birth is the product.
 1. Conception precedes physical birth—the 1st birth.
 2. Regeneration precedes spiritual birth—the 2nd birth.
 3. As a result, we are born again out of God the Father. The Father is the source of our new life (1 Jn. 3:9).
- III.** The New Birth compared to the 1st 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.
- IV.** The New Birth contrasted to the 1st birth.
 1. The 1st birth is flesh and remains flesh—physical (Jn. 3:6).
 2. The 2nd 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).
- V.** The Holy Spirit’s work of regeneration.
 1. A new life.
 - 1) Christ in you (Jn. 14:20).
 - 2) The Son is joined, in the realm of His divine essence, to the human spirit (Jn. 3:6; 1 Cor. 6:17).
 - 3) This indwelling of the Son in the believer constitutes eternal life (1 Jn. 5:11-12; Col. 1:27; Rom. 8:10).
 - i. This is spiritual life.
 - ii. No longer separated from God.
 - iii. It is an active family relationship with God.
 - iv. It is God’s quality of life.