

The Fruit from the Holy Spirit

The New Birth, part 3

- I.** The Holy Spirit regenerates the individual and this process produces a new birth.
 1. The new birth is a real, spiritual birth (Jn. 3:6-7; 1 Cor. 6:17).
 2. The new birth is out of the Father as to source.
- II.** The process of regeneration.
 1. Born again in contrast to first birth (Tit. 3:5).
 - 1) “Through the laving” (“washing” KJV), the place of becoming ceremonially clean.
 - 2) “And renewedness from the Spirit” (*cf.* Rom. 12:2; 1 Cor. 2:16).
 2. Born again as a step up from the first birth (1 Pet. 1:3, 23).
 - 1) The Christian sets their soul apart when defeating the sin nature (1 Pet. 1:22).
 - i. The Truth: overcoming the sin nature (Jn. 8:32, 34; Tit. 1:14).
 - ii. The soul is not saved, yet (1 Pet. 1:8-9).
 - iii. The soul is the ‘weak spot’ the sin nature attacks (1 Pet. 2:11).
 - 2) Overcoming the sin nature is putting into action the new birth (1 Pet. 1:23).
 - 3) The new birth has eternal qualities that the first birth lacks (1 Pet. 1:24).
- III.** The new birth is a new spiritual life; it is emphasized by the indwelling Son of God.
 - 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 (*cf.* 1 Tim. 5:6).
 - ii. No longer separated from God (Rom. 6:23).
 - iii. It is an active family relationship with God.
 - iv. Eternal life is God’s quality of life.