

The Fruit from the Holy Spirit

The New Birth, part 5

- I.** Regeneration is the process that produces the new birth.
1. Regeneration provides many spiritual possessions.
 2. The new birth is pictured as:
 - 1) Similarities to the first birth: both are real, have a father as source, are life giving birth.
 - 2) Differences to the first birth: one is physical the other is spiritual, one corruptible and one incorruptible.
 3. Christ indwells each believer (Jn. 14:20; Rom. 8:10).
 - 1) The Son of God's indwelling constitutes eternal life (1 Jn. 5:11-12). Eternal life is a real, active family relationship with God.
 - 2) Christ indwelling provides the mind of Christ (1 Cor. 2:16). This mind has completely renew/different thoughts than the natural mind (Tit. 3:5; Rom. 12:2).
- II.** By regeneration God the Father indwells each believer (Jn. 14:23; 2 Cor. 6:16; Eph. 4:6).
1. The Father's "seed" has to remain 'at ease' in the believer (1 Jn. 3:9).
 - 1) The Father disciplines all His sons (Heb. 12:6-8, 11).
 - 2) All Christians are sons (Gal. 3:26). 'Son' connotes position in the family—privileges, while 'child' emphasizes family.
 2. The Father's indwelling constitutes the believer's participation in the divine nature (2 Pet. 1:4).
 - 1) 'Nature' is the source of the person's desires (Eph. 2:3).
 - 2) The divine nature produces desires (Phil. 2:12-13).
 - 3) The indwelling Father energizes work (Phil. 2:13).
 - 4) The indwelling Father energizes one's spiritual gift (1 Cor. 12:6).
 - 5) God the Father becomes the believer's heavenly Father (Eph. 3:14-15; Gal. 4:6; Rom. 8:15).