

The Fruit from the Holy Spirit

The New Birth, part 6

- I.** At salvation the believer is born again.
 1. Born with spiritual life, born from the Father, born into the Family of God, born by a process—regeneration.
 2. Christ indwells each believer (Jn. 14:20; Rom. 8:10).
 - 1) The Son of God indwelling constitutes eternal life (1 Jn. 5:11-12).
 - 2) Christ's indwelling provides the mind of Christ (1 Cor. 2:16).
- 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).
 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).
- III.** The Holy Spirit indwells each believer at salvation.
 1. The Holy Spirit indwells at the time of faith (Gal. 3:2-3).
 2. Every N. T. believer is indwelt (1 Cor. 6:19).
- IV.** The Holy Spirit's indwelling provides many benefits.
 1. It is a mark of ownership (Rom. 8:9).
 2. God's quality of love is in our hearts (Rom. 5:5 *cf.* Gal. 4:6).
 3. We are Christians: anointed ones (1 Jn. 2:27; 2 Cor. 1:21 *cf.* Acts 11:26).
 4. The Holy Spirit is the teacher of spiritual things (1 Jn. 2:27).
 5. We are sealed into Christ (Eph. 1:13).
 6. The Holy Spirit is our downpayment of our inheritance (Eph. 1:14; 2 Cor. 1:22; 5:5).
 7. The Holy Spirit is the first-fruit of the lifting of the curse on nature (Rom. 8:23).