

The Fruit from the Holy Spirit

The New Birth, part 7

- I. An individual is born again spiritually as a result of believing the Gospel.
 1. The new birth is the product of regeneration: a process, new quality of mind (Tit. 3:5; 1 Cor. 2:16; Rom. 12:2).
 2. At this spiritual new birth each of the three Persons of the Godhead indwell the believer (*Father*—Eph. 4:6; *Son*—Col. 1:27; and *Holy Spirit*—Rom. 8: 9).
 - 1) The **Son's indwelling** constitutes eternal life (1 Jn. 5:11-13), and participation in the mind of Christ (1 Cor. 2:16).
 - 2) The **Father's indwelling** constitutes participation in the divine nature (2 Pet. 1:4), new desires (Phil. 2:12-13), and becoming part of a spiritual family (1 Jn. 3:9-10; Eph. 3:14-15; Gal. 4:6).
- II. 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; Rom. 8:9 *cf.* 1 Cor. 3:16).
- III. The **Holy Spirit's indwelling** provides many benefits.
 1. It is a mark of Father's ownership (Rom. 8:9, 1 Cor. 6:20).
 2. God's quality of love is in our hearts (Rom. 5:5 *cf.* Gal. 4:6).
 3. We are Christians: anointed ones (2 Cor. 1:21; 1 Jn. 2:20 *cf.* Acts 11:26).
 4. The Holy Spirit is the teacher of spiritual things (1 Jn. 2:27).
 5. We are sealed into Christ—ownership (2 Cor. 1:22; Eph. 1:13).
 6. The Holy Spirit is our downpayment of our inheritance (2 Cor. 1:22; 5:5; Eph. 1:14).
 7. The Holy Spirit is the first-fruit, a sample of the time when the curse on nature will be reversed (Rom. 8:23).
 - Sealing—the Holy Spirit is the seal of the Father's ownership.
 - Anointing—the Holy Spirit is the ultimate teacher.
 - Earnest—the Holy Spirit is the downpayment on our inheritance.
 - First-fruit—the Holy Spirit indwelling points to the future time when the curse on nature is gone.