

Our Flesh & Spirit and the Holy Spirit

- *For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but **if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.** 14 **For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God** Rom 8:13-14*
- ***The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,** Rom 8:16-17*
- *So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God. 9 **But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.** Rom 8:8-10*
- Put to death the deeds of the body by the Holy Spirit?
- How are we led by the Spirit
- He bear witness with our spirit we are children of God?
- How does He dwell in us?
- Clear answers make Him our advocate and intercessor

How God Works Through the Holy Spirit

- **God made the worlds ... but through Jesus**
- *In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.*
- *All things were made through him and without him nothing was made.*
- **God revealed His will and works with us ... but after Jesus left the Holy Spirit is our “other comforter”**
- Jesus could have said,
- God will be your other comforter.
- I will be your other comforter.
- *And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper(Comforter Advocate, Intercessor), that He may abide with you forever —17 the Spirit of truth Jn 14:16*
- *But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, Jn 14:26*

Jesus Affirmed It is to our Advantage

- *Nevertheless **I tell you the truth**. It is to your advantage that **I go away**; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; **but if I depart, I will send Him to you**. J 16:7-8*
- *Paráklétos* a verbal adj. referring to **an aid of any kind**. In the Greek writers, used of **a legal advisor, pleader, proxy, or advocate**, one who comes forward in behalf of and as the representative of another. Thus, in 1 John 2:1, **Christ is termed our advocate. Christ designates the Holy Spirit as Paraclete** (John 14:16), and **calls Him állos (243), another of equal quality** (Complete Word Study Dictionary: NT:3875)
- For Jesus to say it is to our advantage to have the Holy Spirit means that His role will be the same as Jesus was with His disciples.

it begins with Prophecy

- *Behold, the days come, saith Jehovah, that **I will make a new covenant** with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: **I will put my law in their inward parts, and in their heart will I write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people:** 34 and they shall teach no more every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, Know Jehovah; for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith Jehovah: for **I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin will I remember no more.** Jer. 31:31-34*
- We entered this new covenant and received the remission of sins when we were baptized (Acts 2:38)
- God wrote His law in our hearts
- We became His people.

Replace Stony Heart Give Heart of Flesh

- Therefore say, 'Thus says the Lord God: "**I will gather you from the peoples, assemble you from the countries where you have been scattered**, and I will give you the land of Israel.'" 18 And they will go there, and they will take away all its detestable things and all its abominations from there. 19 Then **I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within them, and take the stony heart out of their flesh, and give them a heart of flesh**, 20 that they may walk in My statutes and keep My judgments and do them; and they shall be My people, and I will be their God. Ezek. 11:17-21
- This gathering occurs when gospel is preached in Acts
- God gave one heart and put a new spirit within them
- Removed heart of stone – replaced it with heart of flesh

The Second Gathering – The Gospel

- *There shall **come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, And a Branch shall grow out of his roots.** 2 The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. Isa 11:1-2*
- *And in that day there shall be **a Root of Jesse,** Who shall stand as a banner to the people; For **the Gentiles shall seek Him,** And His resting place shall be glorious." 11 **It shall come to pass in that day That the Lord shall set His hand again the second time To recover the remnant of His people who are left,** Isa 11:11*
- Jesus is the stem and root of Jesse—Branch out of his roots
- In that day Gentiles will also seek Him.
- A second gathering to recover the remnant who are left.

The Second Gathering – A New Heart

- *"For I will take you from the nations, gather you from all the lands and bring you into your own land. 25 "Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. 26 "Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. 27 "I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances. Ezek 36:24-28*

- When the gospel was preached God was gathering.
- God gave a new heart and a new spirit
- God removed the heart of stone and gave a heart of flesh
- God put His Spirit within us to cause us to walk in his law

How God Put His Spirit in You

- *Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, **Except one be born anew, he cannot see the kingdom of God.** 4 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter a second time into his mother's womb, and be born? 5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, **Except one be born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God!** Jn 3:3-5*
- Born anew – Remove heart of Stone for heart of flesh
- Born of water and the Spirit is being born again.
- God gave us His Spirit when we were born again.
- If we were not born of water and Spirit we are not in the kingdom of God

The Holy Spirit in the New Birth

- *But when the kindness and **the love of God our Savior** toward man appeared, 5 not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy **He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, 6 whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior,***
- The Love of God our Savior appeared through the gospel
- Saved us through the water of regeneration (new birth)
- **AND** Renewing of the Holy Spirit
- Whom (The **Holy Spirit**) He (**God**) poured out abundantly
- Through **Jesus Christ** our Savior
- God removed the heart of stone and gave a heart of flesh
- God put His Spirit within us to cause us to walk in His law

Born Again

- *Since **you have purified your souls in obeying** the truth **through the Spirit** in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart, 23 **having been born again**, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, **through the word of God which lives and abides forever**... 25...
Now this is the word which by the gospel was preached to you. 1Pet 1:22-25*
- Purified your souls when obeyed the truth.
- Born again not of corruptible seed (fleshly birth)
- But incorruptible seed (spiritual birth) – word of God
- God removed heart of flesh and replaced it with new heart
- God put His Spirit within us.

Power Exerted in Baptism

- *I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them a heart of flesh;*
- *In Him you were also **circumcised with the circumcision made without hands**, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, **12 buried with Him in baptism**, in which you also were **raised with Him** through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. **13 And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him**, having forgiven you all trespasses,*
Col 2:11-14

I will Make a New Covenant

- The Stony Heart

- And you **were dead in your trespasses and sins**, 2 in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. 3 Among them **we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.** Eph 2:1-4

- Gift of A Heart of Flesh and Putting His Spirit within us

- But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, 5 even when **we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ**—by grace you have been saved—Eph 2:4-6

It is Very Important we Understand

in whom ye also, having heard the word of the truth, the gospel of your salvation,-- in whom, having also believed, ye were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, 14 which is an earnest of our inheritance, unto the redemption of (God's) own possession, unto the praise of his glory. Eph 1:13-14

Progression:

heard the word of truth the gospel of your salvation.

(Peter's sermon in Acts 2 or 10; Eunuch; Saul; etc.)

You Believed

You were sealed with the Holy Spirit of Promise

(it is passed on from generation to generation through the Word of God)

How God Wrote Laws on Our Hearts

- *You are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read by all men; 3 clearly you are an epistle of Christ, ministered by us, **written not with ink but by the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of flesh, that is, of the heart.** 4 And we have such trust through Christ toward God. 5 Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think of anything as being from ourselves, but our sufficiency is from God, 6 who also made us sufficient as **ministers of the new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.** 2 Cor 3:2-6*
- Written by the Holy Spirit in our heart of flesh
- The New Covenant of the Holy Spirit who gives life.

The Process Further Explained

- The How and Results of the New Birth
- *in whom ye also, having **heard the word of the truth**, the gospel of your salvation,-- in whom, **having also believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise**, 14 which is an earnest of our inheritance, unto the redemption of (God's) own possession, unto the praise of his glory. Eph 1:13-14*
- *And grieve not **the Holy Spirit of God**, in whom **you were sealed** unto the day of redemption. Eph 4:30*