

*“By this we know that we
abide in Him, and He in us,
because He has given us
of His Spirit.”*

1John 4:13

What is the relation between the Holy Spirit and the new birth in Christ?

Galatians 2:20, “I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.”

Why?

Galatians 6:8, “For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.”

And as Jesus said:

John 6:63: “It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and *they* are life.”

As such:

Romans 8:5, “Those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those *who live* according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit.”

Therefore:

Colossians 3:16, “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.”

Romans 12:2, “And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”

Do I understand that to be born again is to be born of the Holy Spirit into a new life in Christ, and not simply to recite a prayer?

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***“In Him you also,
when you heard the Word
of truth, the gospel of your
salvation, and believed in
Him, were sealed with
the promised Holy Spirit.”***

Ephesians 1:13

How and when are we sealed with the Holy Spirit?

When John baptized Jesus, scripture says:

Luke 3:22, “The Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven which said, “You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased.”

As such Jesus declared:

John 3:5-6, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.”

What’s more?

Titus 3:4-6, “When the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, 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, whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior.”

Romans 8:9, “You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to Him.”

Therefore:

Acts 2:38, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

Have I been born of water and the Spirit, in Christ Jesus our Savior and Lord?

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***“How much more shall the
blood of Christ, who through
the eternal Spirit offered
Himself without spot to God,
cleans your conscience
from dead works
to serve the living God?”***

Hebrews 9:14

How is the power of the Holy Spirit manifested in a committed believer's life?

Ezekiel 36:26-27, “I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes.”

And as Jesus said:

John 14:26, “The Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.”

John 16:13-14, “When He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own *authority*, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare *it* to you.”

As such:

Galatians 5:22-24, “The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. And those *who are* Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.”

Therefore:


Romans 8:15, “You did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.”

Romans 8:14, “As many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.”

Am I?

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***“If we live in the Spirit,
let us also walk in the Spirit.”***

Galatians 5:25

Why must we, as believers, walk the path of sanctification in Christ?

1 Corinthians 6:19-20, “Do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit *who is* in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.”

Ephesians 5:8, “For you were once darkness, but now *you are* light in the Lord. Walk as children of light.”

Ephesians 2:10, “For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.”

2 Timothy 1:7, “For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.”

As such:

2 Corinthians 5:17, “If anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.”

Therefore:

Galatians 5:16, “Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.”

Ephesians 5:2, “And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.”

What’s more?

1 John 2:6, “He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.”

How faithful am I to walk in the Spirit, and follow the path of sanctification in Christ?

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***“Solid food is
for the mature,
who by constant use
have trained themselves to
distinguish good from evil.”***

Hebrews 5:14

How can we discern truth from lies in this world?

Hebrews 4:12, “The Word of God *is* living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”

What’s more?

Ephesians 1:4, “He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love.”

As such:

John 16:13, “When He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own *authority*, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.”

1 Corinthians 2:13, “These things we also speak, not in words which man’s wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches.”

Why?

1 Corinthians 2:10-11, “For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God.”

Galatians 4:6, “Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, “Abba, Father!”

Therefore:

1 John 4:1, “Do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.”

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2Timothy 1:7

How does the power of the Holy Spirit impact a believer's life?

In Jesus' own words:

John 14:16-18, “I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever— the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.”

The purpose being:

Ephesians 3:17-19, “That Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what *is* the width and length and depth and height— to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.”

As such:

Romans 8:26, “Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.”

Therefore:

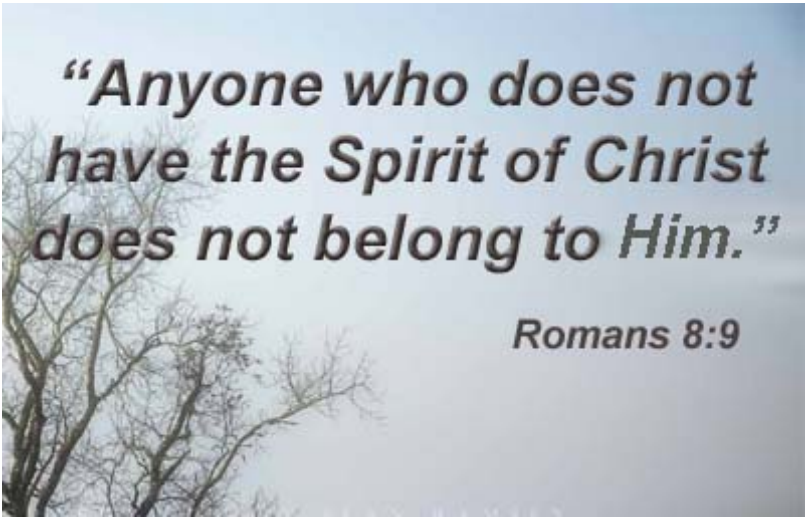
Romans 8:11, “If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.”

How?

Acts 1:8, “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be My witnesses.”

How committed am I to follow the lead of the Holy Spirit, so I am an effective witness for Christ?

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***“Anyone who does not
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Romans 8:9

How clearly did Jesus warn us against offending the Holy Spirit?

Matthew 12:31-32, “Therefore I say to you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy *against* the Spirit will not be forgiven men. Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him, either in this age or in the *age* to come.”

Why?

1 Corinthians 3:16-17, “Do you not know that you are the temple of God and *that* the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him.”

Romans 8:-6, “For to be carnally minded *is* death, but to be spiritually minded *is* life and peace.”

What’s more?

Hebrews 6:4-6, “It *is* impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put *Him* to an open shame.”

Therefore:

Ephesians 4:30, “Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.”

Am I steadfast in the Word of God so the Spirit of Christ leads me in discerning truth from lies?

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