

SCRIPTURE STUDY

Wednesday, October 24, 2012

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“The Holy Spirit, The Agent Of The New Birth & Spiritual Perfection”

John 3:5-8; Gal. 4:21-21; 1 Cor. 6:9-20; 2 Cor. 5:17-18; Eph. 4:1-16

OPENING PRAYER

THESIS: The Spiritual New Birth, Regeneration brings The Holy Spirit into the sinner’s heart, mind, soul, body and spirit.

INTRODUCTION

The Holy Spirit is God abiding with believers and indwelling them to produce and bring about the Image and Likeness of God. The Holy Spirit can Correct and Unify the experience, education and exposure of the world from their chaos, conflict and collapse.

In one of the Scripture references for this class, Ephesians Chap. 4 is discussed how the believer is to conduct himself/herself day by day in a very practical way. The believer is to walk worthy of his calling (vs. 1-6). He is to conduct himself by using his Spiritual Gifts (vs. 7-16). He is to behave differently from the Gentiles [the non-believers & unregenerated] vs. 17-24. The Believer is to walk putting off the garments of the old man (vs. 25-32). In this Chap. we see God’s Gifts to believers in v. 11. The purpose for the Gifts is “for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ.” Therefore, the Holy Spirit, who abides with and indwells the believer works renewing those who are saved after the image of God. He also consistently guides and empowers the believer to know and obey God’s Will. The Holy Spirit additionally enables the believer to resist the Devil and mortify and be victorious over sin (Rom. 6:14). Through the Spirit there is Spiritual Instruction and Edification. It is by the Holy Spirit that the sinner is born again, through Christ and by The Holy Spirit’s Indwelling is the production and bringing about of the Image and Likeness of God.

The Holy Spirit is the Agent of the New Birth and Spiritual Perfection, or Spiritual Maturity.

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