

RENEWAL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy, He saved us, by the washing of regeneration and **renewing of Holy Spirit.**"

In our last lesson, we studied salvation by washing of regeneration by the Holy Spirit.

In this lesson, we will study salvation by renewing of Holy Spirit.

This lesson will study SIX aspects of grace salvation by Renewal of the Holy Spirit.

1. Paul began by reminding us that salvation is by the work of grace through faith and NOT by works of the flesh through Law (Titus 3:5; Eph.2:8-9).

"Nevertheless knowing **that** a man is not justified by the works of the Law but through faith (pistis/ working object) in Christ Jesus, even we have believed (pisteuo) in Christ Jesus, **that** we may be justified by faith in Christ, **and not by the works of the Law**; since by the works of the Law shall no flesh be justified." (Gal.2:16)

2. Paul began by reminding us that grace salvation is by the supernatural work of the Holy Spirit through faith in the gospel of Jesus Christ (1 Cor.15: 1-4).

Gospel of Jesus Christ

"For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures." (1 Cor.15:3-4)

Faith in the gospel of Christ Jesus

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek." (Rom.1:16)

Saved by renewal of Holy Spirit

Renewal is the work of Holy Spirit and not the reformation work of man for rebirth salvation

- Eph.2: 8-9 – "not of yourselves," not as a result of works."
- Titus 3:5 - "not by works of righteousness which we have done."

3. The Greek word used for renewing is (anakainosis / again new). Anakainosis refers to being made new again and different as the supernatural work of Holy Spirit (Titus 3:5).

Example – you were given grandma's old beat-up rocking chair but it has memories. Your child wants a rocking horse. So you convert the rocking chair into a rocking horse and build new memories. It is something new again but different.

Renewing (rebirth) refers to having a new and different life as a result of grace salvation (2 Cor.5:17; John 3:3-8). "The Spirit gives life." (2 Cor.3:6b; John 6:63)

4. Salvation renewal by the Holy Spirit brings the believer into a new and different life in Jesus Christ.

Jesus taught this in John 7:37-39 - "From his innermost being shall flow rivers of living water." (7:36) Jesus had earlier taught that this Living Water was eternal LIFE in Christ (John 4:10-14; 14:6; 1 John 5:11-13).

It is used in Rom.5: 17 - "for if by the transgression of the one, death reigned through the one, much more those who receive the **abundance** of grace and the gift of righteousness will reign in **life** through the One, Jesus Christ." (Rom.5:12-21; 1 Cor.15:22)

Jesus described this eternal LIFE as Abundant Life in John 10:10. The Greek word for abundant is (perissos/ over the measure; excess). **Perissos is used in the feeding of the 5000** - "And they all ate and were satisfied; and the broken pieces which they had left over (excess) were picked up, twelve baskets full." (Luke 9:17)

5. Paul used anakainosis again Rom.12: 2 - "And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect."

The salvation renewal by Holy Spirit leads to transformation by renewing of the minds by the Word of God (Rom.12:2; Heb.5:13-14; 1 Pet.2:2).

6. The excess or abundant new life in Jesus Christ that is brought to the believer by the renewal work of the Holy Spirit is outlined by the following 15 factors.

- True worship of God (John 4:24; Phil3:3)
- Spiritual fellowship (2 Cor.13:14)
- Transforms into image of Christ (2 Cor.3:18; Gal.4:19)
- Intercessor of prayer (Rom.8:26-27; Jude 20)
- Glorifies Christ (John 16:14-15)

- Teaches and recalls the word of God (John 14:26; 16:12-15; 1 John 2:27)
- Bears witness of Christ (John 15:26)
- Guides and discloses all divine truth (John 16:13; 8:32; Rom.8:14; Gal.5:18)
- Reveals the thoughts of God (1 Cor.2:9-13)
- Ability to use the word of God as spiritual weapon in angelic conflict (Eph.6:17)

- Pours the love of God within heart (Rom.5:5)
- Bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God (Rom.8:15-17)
- Spirituality (1 Cor.2:15; 3:1)
- Spiritual gifted ministry in church (1 Cor.12:4-11; Heb.2:4)
- Restraint of old sin-nature (Gal.5:16-17; Rom.8:1-4)

"The thief comes only to steal, and kill, and destroy; I came that they might have life, and might have it abundantly (perissos)." (John 10:10)