

THE TRAITS OF NEW BIRTH (PART 2)

SERMON OUTLINE

Introduction

¹⁴ For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. ¹⁵ The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.” ¹⁶ The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. ¹⁷ Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory. (Romans 8:14-17)

What are the traits of new birth? (Continued from last week)

4. The Witness of the Holy Spirit

Romans 8:16 – The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children.”

A great mystery and a great shift!

We are children of God because the new birth brings us into a new relationship with God wherein the Holy Spirit bears witness with our spirit.

Romans 8:17 – Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

John 8:44 – You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father’s desire.

5. Peace with God & Peace of God

Romans 5:1 – Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into his grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.

John 14:27 – Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. In fact, Jesus made a clear contrast between “my peace” and the “peace the world gives.” Because peace with God is not merely a state of inward contentment.

Psalm 29:11 – The LORD gives strength to his people; the LORD blesses his people with peace.

Psalm 85:11 – I will listen to what God the LORD says; he promises peace to his people, his faithful servants—but let them not turn to folly.

Philippians 4:7 – And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

For prayerful sabbath “ruminating” during the week

- Begin with prayer. Ask our heavenly Father for grace to know Him better as you reflect on today’s message and the service generally.
- What struck you as personally significant in the four weeks of new birth series?
- Read the following scriptures regarding Christians’ eternal inheritance and write down names and/or descriptions of what people born of the Spirit will inherit: 1 Peter 1:4; Hebrews 12:28; Hebrews 11:16; James 1:12; 2 Timothy 4:8; and 2 Corinthians 4:17.
- Last Sunday, we were told that sin made King David lose his joy but he prayed to God for restoration: “*Restore to me the joy of Your salvation*” (Psalm 51:12). What spiritual traits have you lost—joy, peace, fervency, love, commitment, etc.? And why did you lose it? Deal with this issue today, return to the God of your salvation, and pray for restoration.