

## The Work of The Spirit in Our Walking with God

### I. He Regenerates and Indwells You

- A. He individually regenerates you (John 3:5-8, Titus 3:5).
- B. He also comes to permanently dwell in you – you are the temple of God (1 Cor. 6:19-20).

### II. He Cultivates Christlikeness in You as You Walk in His Ways

- A. We work because God is at work in us to progressively conform us to Christ (Phil. 2:12-13).
- B. The Spirit makes us more like Christ as we walk by the Spirit (Gal 5:16).
- C. The fruit of the Spirit (Gal 5:22-24).
  - 1. **Love:** Self-giving love that preferring others interests above self – seeking what is truly good for them.
  - 2. **Joy:** Rather than discontentment, bitterness, pessimism. no matter what the circumstances, I am deeply happy that I know God and he orders all that comes my way.
  - 3. **Peace:** I am at peace with God, so I have peace in other areas of life (relationships, circumstances).
  - 4. **Patience:** I can face provocation without responding sinfully.
  - 5. **Kindness:** Seeking to be bless and help those around me, to bear other’s burdens as I am able, and to speak words that build up.
  - 6. **Goodness:** Doing what is good, from a heart that loves what God says is good.
  - 7. **Faithfulness:** Trustworthiness, reliable.
  - 8. **Gentleness:** Since God is in control, I can respond with a calm trust in God when others fail me or are difficult.
  - 9. **Self-control:** Control of my thoughts, desires, and impulses rather than runaway thoughts and appetites

### III. He Testifies to Your being God’s Child

- A. When we are regenerated, we are made “sons of God,” adopted into his family (Rom. 8:14-15).
- B. The Spirit testifies to this reality (Rom 8:15).

### IV. He Intercedes for You When You Don’t Know What to Pray

- A. As children of God, we are still living in a fallen world (Rom. 8:18-25).
- B. The Spirit intercedes for you (Rom. 8:26-27).

*“Even when [the Christian] endeavors to pray, he is handicapped by wanderings of mind, coldness of heart, the intrusion of carnal cares, while he is painfully conscious of the unreality of his petitions and unfelt confessions. How cold are the effusions of our hearts in secret devotions, how feeble our supplications, how little solemnity of mind, brokenness of heart. How often the prayer exercises of our souls seems a mass of confusion and contradiction. But the Spirit himself makes intercession for us.” (The Holy Spirit, 137).*

- 1. The Spirit’s interceding for us would be just as effective before the throne of God even if we didn’t know he was doing it. So why tell us he does it? To comfort us and to cause us to rely on the Spirit.
- 2. The Spirit always asks “according to the will of God.” Thus, his intercession is always 100% effectual.

### V. He Is the Guarantee of Your Eternal Inheritance

- A. The Spirit guarantees our inheritance as sons of God (Eph. 1:5, 11-14).
- B. The Spirit seals us.