

50 POSITIONAL TRUTHS

#18: Born Again

“Born again” is a positional as well as an ontological truth. God positionally always sees us as His children, but there is the added bonus that there is actually a change *of us on earth*. This ontological dimension must never be missed. When you believed in Jesus Christ your being *changed*—you were recreated.

The most significant creation is that a human spirit is added to your form/soul. Your soul received a brand-new spirit. This is the ontological change. It is this spirit that gives you the capacity to live for God and break the old desire for self-sufficiency. It is the spirit that is new (not an old one made over)—the body is not changed. The spirit is what makes you a brand new being. This happens immediately upon salvation. You really become, literally, a new person because you now have a new spirit ready to be developed for the spiritual life. Again, at the point of re-creation (the new birth) man receives a new spirit, thereby re-creating his entire form. The spirit is added to the form/soul and so now the soul has a spirit which has untold potential capacities to be developed by the Word of God and filling of the Holy Spirit. The actualization of this new nature (spirit) is present within every Christian.

One of the characteristics of the new spirit with regenerate man is its close connection with the Holy Spirit. Scripture records a large number of activities which God’s Spirit, dwelling in man, carries out with or through man’s spirit. Thus, the importance of fellowship with God.

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John 3:7 "Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.'

1 Peter 1:23 for you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, *that is*, through the living and enduring word of God.

1 Corinthians 2:12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things freely given to us by God,

Romans 8:14 For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

Romans 8:16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

1 John 4:13 By this we know that we abide in Him and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit.

In Christ,

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