

Devotional Study of the Epistle of 1John
Series Title: O What Fellowship, O what Joy Divine
Simultaneous Acts of the Holy Spirit
Part b
Study Guide

3. We will consider the Gift: what is this gift?

1Co 2:13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. 14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned. 15 But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man. 16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.

If a man does not have the _____ from the Holy One then that man cannot know the "things of God" as he truly ought.



Like the magi of old, this unction of the Holy One has come bearing many _____.

Besides the purpose of enlightenment as John informs us here in 1John there are other works associated with this anointing that are _____ acts of the Holy Spirit related to our salvation.

Simultaneous acts of the Holy Spirit

The error that some make concerning the work of the Holy Spirit is to attempt to place a _____ to his acts, a kind of step 1 followed by step 2 then step 3 and 4 and so on.

Those who hold to such teachings lay great emphasis upon distinct experiences that follow salvation and often refer to these experiences as a second blessing or sequential

Some of the common teaching that evolved was that there is a _____ work of the Holy Ghost involving multiple and continuous fillings or blessings experienced by the believer as they progress in their sanctification.

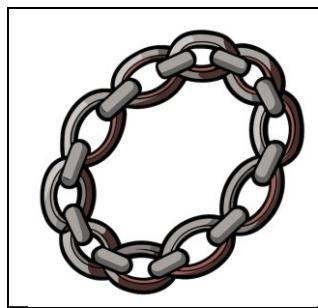
Others attach a _____ or a rite to the works of the Holy Spirit by which the devotee must submit to the teachings of a particular denomination in order to receive these works.

At the moment of salvation, when eternal life is granted to the sinner who now becomes a saint, instead of a chronological _____ of the Spirit or the involvement of man there are multiple _____ actions performed by the Holy Spirit on behalf of the believer in Jesus Christ.

Much to the _____ of the experientialists or the Nicolaitans there are truths contained in the Bible that one simply accepts by _____ without any accompanying emotional manifestation or involvement by man.

Seven Simultaneous acts of the Holy Spirit

Regeneration/Renewing
Partaking of the Divine Nature
Becoming a New Creature
Spiritual Circumcision
Baptism
Indwelling
Sealing



Each of these seven actions is so _____ that you cannot separate them one from the other.

As one studies the nature of these acts of the Spirit one learns that these cannot be separate individual actions that occur in a _____ but rather in _____ happening at the _____.

1. _____: Born again

Tit 3:5 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 the Holy Ghost;

The word regeneration is a compound Greek word: palingenesis: Strong's # 3824 Pali(n) (_____) and genesis (______).

1Peter 1:23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

A _____ takes place in the spirit of the believer.

Rom 8:10 And if Christ *be* in you, the body *is* dead because of sin; but the Spirit *is* life because of righteousness. 11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

Eph 2:1 And you *hath he quickened*, who were dead in trespasses and sins;

Quicken: To _____ to life, to invigorate, to _____ to live.

Basic Spiritual Anthropology

Eph 2:12 That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:

Due to sin man is _____ from God. That portion of man that can know fellowship with God, his spirit, is _____ in trespasses and sin.

Eph 2:1 And you *hath he quickened*, who were dead in trespasses and sins; 2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

Not inert or lifeless but due to trespasses and sins man's spirit is _____ from the light and life of God.

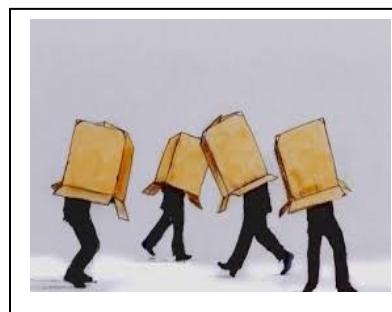


Lost man is _____ dead, he is destitute of a life that _____ and is devoted to God, because he is given up to trespasses and sin, his spirit is _____ to all sorts of religiosity and idolatry, but is _____ of that which makes him a partaker of eternal life.

Rom 1:19 Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed *it* unto them. 20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: 21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified *him* not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

Man is a _____ and man is also a religious being, his mind is darkened to God who is light and so he worships in darkness.

2Co 4:4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.



Man's spirit is alive but lost in the darkness of false religions and ideologies all designed to _____ him, and _____ him in darkness and _____ from God's light and life.

2Co 4:6 For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Regeneration is that _____ of the Holy Spirit in the believer when eternal life, the life that is God, is _____ to the believer and the spirit of man that was in _____ and separated from the light and life of God now comes into full _____ of that light.

Eph 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God:

Along with this act of regeneration the Bible also tells us that we have been _____ from the power of darkness (that blinded our minds and imprisoned our hearts in sin) and we are _____ into the kingdom of Jesus Christ.

Col 1:12 Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: 13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:

1. Translated: To remove from one place to another.

2. Power: The word power, as in power of darkness refers to a _____ or rule of government.

This speaks to our _____.

Phi 3:20 For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: 21 Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.



In other places this word conversation applies to one's way of life, here in Philippians it refers to one's _____ in a commonwealth; other words at the moment of regeneration the believer's true citizenship is no longer on earth but in heaven.

Strong's #4175 Greek – *politeuma*: the administration of civil affairs or a commonwealth or form of government.

1Pe 2:9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light; 10 Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy. 11 Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul; 12 Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.

To be fit for our home in heaven we must have a nature _____ to that new home.

2Pe 1:3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: 4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

Joh 3:5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. :6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

It is this work of regeneration performed by the Holy Spirit that the born again believer is made a _____ of the divine nature that makes us sons of God.

Joh 1:12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: 13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

1Th 5:5 Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.

New _____, new _____, and a new _____: This truth should behoove us to have a walk that indicates our new status as such.

Eph 5:8 For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light:

It is this light that John informs us concerning the nature of God that Paul teaches is now in our _____.

2Co 4:4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. 5 For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake. 6 For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

What occurs at the very moment of salvation is the _____ of a new nature, this nature of light that God is.

1Jo 1:5 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

And who _____ is.

Joh 8:12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

Of whom Paul writes that we are the children of.

1Th 5:5 Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.

What is fascinating is that at the moment of _____, when the sperm meets the egg it has been observed that a bright flash of light occurs at that very moment and life begins.

1Pe 1:23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

2Co 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

This partaking of the divine nature in _____, giving birth to a new creature that is now a citizen of heaven, and our becoming children of light is a _____ act of the Holy Spirit of God.

Eph 4:22 That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; 23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; 24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

The _____ of regeneration is a work only made possible by the Holy Spirit who responds to the faith of the sinner calling out for salvation through Christ Jesus.

Rom 10:9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

His _____ works, such as his filling and teaching and enlightening and empowering can then be applied as the new creature begins to learn God's word and submit in humble obedience to God's will to live as the _____ that they have been created to be.

Tit 3:5 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 the Holy Ghost;

The renewing by the Holy Ghost is simply defined as the work of the Spirit to _____ that which was lost by Adam in the garden: the _____ of God.

2Ti 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17 That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.

It is this work of restoring (throughly furnishing) that the unction aids us in our _____ (ye know all things) as the Spirit works in us and through us to this end (that ye may be perfect).

This work of restoration is accomplished by the believer's _____ with the Spirit, as the believer understands God's will and _____ to God's plan for their life found in God's word.

First comes regeneration, a one time occurrence, this new birth is then followed by renewing, a life long work of _____.

The goal is _____.

Rom 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. 29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

Our predestination has nothing to do with our being saved but it has everything to do with our _____ as a Christian in being _____ to the image of Christ.

Rom 8:15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

1. By adoption this secures our _____ as a son of God.

Rom 8:1 *There is* therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. 3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: 4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

2. The conformity of our character is the work of _____.

Rom 8:18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time *are not worthy to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

Rom 8:22 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. 23 And not only *they*, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, *to wit*, the redemption of our body.

3. One day in _____ we will be like his Son, “perfected in the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ”.

1Jo 3:2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

Pastors and Teachers

Eph 4:11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; 12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: 13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

The aim of preaching and teaching is “For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ” of which this _____ enables and empowers them to perform.

It is not to give us _____ but an understanding and applying of the revelation already preserved and provided in God’s word.

This renewing is the true _____ work of the Spirit upon the already born again saint, that perfecting work of conformity that the Holy Spirit _____ in our hearts and minds as we trust and obey His word.

Phi 1:6 Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform *it* until the day of Jesus Christ:

The washing of regeneration is in _____ with the baptism of the Holy Spirit, of which we will consider next.

This particular Greek word *loutron* translated washing, as in washing of regeneration, is found only one other time in the Bible and is used in the bathing of a _____ in preparation for burial.

Act 9:36 Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha, which by interpretation is called Dorcas: this woman was full of good works and almsdeeds which she did. 37 And it came to pass in those days, that she was sick, and died: whom when they had washed (*loutron*), they laid her in an upper chamber.

Rom 6:3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? 4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

By the washing of regeneration we have been _____ from our sin and delivered from its penalty of death, "for the wages of sin is death", this uncleanness was our _____ prior to salvation.

So just as a corpse is washed with physical water in _____ for burial the washing of regeneration by the Holy Ghost _____ us to be fit for heaven.

Job 14:1 Man *that is* born of a woman *is* of few days and full of trouble. 2 He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down: he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not. 3 And doth thou open thine eyes upon such an one, and bringest me into judgment with thee? 4 Who can bring a clean *thing* out of an unclean? not one.

Man is unable to clean himself of his _____. This is the _____ of religion.

Rom 5:12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

By faith in Christ we are _____ by the washing of regeneration of that which made us unclean, "For he hath made him *to be* sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him" (2Cor 5:21) and we are delivered from that which _____ us to death.

Rev 1:5 And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

The Old Testament picture of the washings and ablutions performed by the priests and the people to deal with their ceremonial uncleanness is perfected in the New Testament by the washing of regeneration by the Holy Ghost due to Christ's _____.

1Co 6:11 And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God. 12 All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any.

Heb 1:3 Who being the brightness of *his* glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high:

Heb 9:22 And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.

Another simultaneous action of the Spirit on behalf of the born again believer that occurs in conjunction with our regeneration, comes our spiritual _____.

Col 2:10 And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power: 11 In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ: 12 Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.

This circumcision made without hands is a _____ operation of God performed upon the believer in Jesus Christ at the very moment of our salvation.

A Brief History About This Issue

In the Old Testament on the eighth day the operation of circumcision performed on the male children _____ them unto the Lord.

Lev 12:3 And in the eighth day the flesh of his foreskin shall be circumcised.

This was in accordance with the _____ that God had made with Abraham in Gen 17:10-12.

Gen 17:10 This *is* my covenant, which ye shall keep, between me and you and thy seed after thee; Every man child among you shall be circumcised. 11 And ye shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin; and it shall be a token of the covenant betwixt me and you. 12 And he that is eight days old shall be circumcised among you, every man child in your generations, he that is born in the house, or bought with money of any stranger, which *is* not of thy seed. 13 He that is born in thy house, and he that is bought with thy money, must needs be circumcised: and my covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant. 14 And the uncircumcised man child whose flesh of his foreskin is not circumcised, that soul shall be cut off from his people; he hath broken my covenant.

If a Gentile would become a “proselyte of _____” then they would also become circumcised and inducted into the number as one of God’s people.

Exo 12:48 And when a stranger shall sojourn with thee, and will keep the passover to the LORD, let all his males be circumcised, and then let him come near and keep it; and he shall be as one that is born in the land: for no uncircumcised person shall eat thereof.

In the Jewish mind it was an issue of the _____ as well as _____. Paul addressed both of these issues in the Epistles to the Galatians as well as Ephesians, of which we will not look at for time sake.

Act 15:5 But there rose up certain of the sect of the Pharisees which believed, saying, That it was needful to circumcise them, and to command them to keep the law of Moses. 6 And the apostles and elders came together for to consider of this matter.

Act 15:19 Wherefore my sentence is, that we trouble not them, which from among the Gentiles are turned to God: 20 But that we write unto them, that they abstain from pollutions of idols, and *from* fornication, and *from* things strangled, and *from* blood. 21 For Moses of old time hath in every city them that preach him, being read in the synagogues every sabbath day.

Act 15:28 For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things; 29 That ye abstain from meats offered to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication: from which if ye keep yourselves, ye shall do well. Fare ye well.

This provision of abstaining was not to make the Gentile believer more holy but due to the tender _____ of the Jewish population concerning these matters who were raised in the law of Moses and also that the Jews would not have _____ in their minds to condemn the Gentile believers.

Rom 2:27 And shall not uncircumcision which is by nature, if it fulfil the law, judge thee, who by the letter and circumcision dost transgress the law? 28 For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither *is that* circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: 29 But he *is* a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision *is that* of the heart, in the spirit, *and* not in the letter; whose praise *is* not of men, but of God.

With men it is always an issue “which is _____”; with God the issue is always inwardly, of the heart, in the spirit.

This was the issue that Paul was addressing with the Church in Colosse, for there were these Judaizers who came teaching that they must observe _____ or they were incomplete in Christ in some way.

This circumcision of the heart is not _____ to the Jewish mindset.

Deu 10:16 Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no more stiffnecked.

Deu 30:6 And the LORD thy God will circumcise thine heart, and the heart of thy seed, to love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, that thou mayest live.

Jer 4:4 Circumcise yourselves to the LORD, and take away the foreskins of your heart, ye men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem: lest my fury come forth like fire, and burn that none can quench *it*, because of the evil of your doings.

Rom 4:6 Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works, 7 *Saying*, Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered. 8 Blessed *is* the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin. 9 *Cometh* this blessedness then upon the circumcision *only*, or upon the uncircumcision also? for we say that faith was reckoned to Abraham for righteousness. 10 How was it then reckoned? when he was in circumcision, or in uncircumcision? Not in circumcision, but in uncircumcision. 11 And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which *he had* yet being uncircumcised: that he might be the father of all them that believe, though they be not circumcised; that righteousness might be imputed unto them also: 12 And the father of circumcision to them who are not of the circumcision only, but who also walk in the steps of that faith of our father Abraham, which *he had* being yet uncircumcised.

It is faith in Jesus Christ who is our _____ that our sins are covered and not some act performed upon the flesh by the flesh.

Col 2:11 In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ:

So what Paul was teaching to the Colossians about is a _____, one not made by the hands of men (outwardly), but a _____ of the heart (inwardly).

The phrase “putting off” means to lay aside, to strip off and _____ aside.

This operation of God, performed by the Spirit at the very moment of salvation, "the body of the sins of the flesh", is _____, put off being circumcised from our spirit.

Rom 8:7 Because the carnal mind *is* enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. 8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

At the very moment of salvation our spirit has been spiritually circumcised from the _____.

At the moment of regeneration we have been spiritually circumcised, an operation that only God can perform, and we are now separated from the flesh unto newness of life being made _____ for God's indwelling Spirit.

So through the washing of regeneration we have become _____ of heaven, and have been spiritually circumcised, an _____ that only the Holy Spirit can perform, our Adamic nature is now "rolled away" and our spirit made _____ for God's indwelling Spirit.

Eph 5:26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

One of the ministries of the Holy Spirit is to _____ the Bride of Christ for that moment when her Bridegroom comes to take her away to be with him forever.

Joh 17:17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

There is subsequence in the work of the Holy Ghost, but it is not as the Pentecostal doctrine teaches, it is a work of perfecting the believer through _____ as the born again believer _____ to God's word, having his mind renewed being _____ and _____ by God's indwelling Spirit.

A cross reference to this would be Romans 12:1-2.

Rom 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

The word renewing along with washing here in Titus can also speak of a _____ or a renewing for the better in preparation of something in our future.

Titus 3:6 Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; 7 That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

This renewing is to prepare us to receive our _____ being citizens of His kingdom that we will receive from our Lord.