

# Life Process

Birth

Life

Life begins

Life grows

*Spirit of God at work*

# God's Spirit Is Ever Present With Us

The earth was formless and empty, and darkness covered the deep waters. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters. Gen. 1:2

I can never escape from your Spirit!

I can never get away from your presence!

If I go up to heaven, you are there;

if I go down to the grave, you are there.

If I ride the wings of the morning,

if I dwell by the farthest oceans,

even there your hand will guide me,

and your strength will support me. Psa. 139:7-10

# Jesus Promises The Holy Spirit To All Who Believe

Once when he was eating with them, he commanded them, “Do not leave Jerusalem until the Father sends you the gift he promised, as I told you before.

John baptized with water, but in just a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts. 1:4-5,8

# The Spirit Gives Power & Purpose

And because you belong to him, the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed you from the power of sin that leads to death.

So letting your sinful nature control your mind leads to death. But letting the Spirit control your mind leads to life and peace.

And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them. Romans 8 (whole chapter applies).

# What Are The Benefits (*fruits*) Of the Spirit

The sinful nature wants to do evil, which is just the opposite of what the Spirit wants. And the Spirit gives us desires that are the opposite of what the sinful nature desires. These two forces are constantly fighting each other, so you are not free to carry out your good intentions.

But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!

# Are You Receptive To The Holy Spirit?

Receptivity is not a single thing; it is a compound rather, a blending of several elements within the soul. It is an affinity for, a bent toward, a sympathetic response to, a desire to have. From this it may be gathered that it can be present in degrees, that we may have little or more or less, depending upon the individual. It may be increased by exercise or destroyed by neglect. It is not a sovereign and irresistible force which comes upon us as a seizure from above. It is a gift of God, indeed, but one which must be recognized and cultivated as any other gift if it is to realize the purpose for which it was given.

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