

HOLY SPIRIT: A NEWNESS OF SPIRIT

“We should serve in newness of spirit...” (Romans 7:6 KJV).

We not only are given a new spirit at regeneration, but our spirit should constantly be renewed. “Even though the outward man is perishing, the inward man is being renewed day by day” (II Corinthians 4:16). The created spirit within us equips us to supersede the possibilities of the outer man (the soul and the body). There should be a dynamic flow that comes from our spirit. When that doesn’t happen, it is an indication our spirit life has come under control of the soul life. Our mind, emotions, or our will has usurped control of our spirit which is our spiritual life source. The soul life is the easy way out. We revert to what we know consciously, or what we feel automatically, or what we want naturally. The soul succumbs to the familiar, to what comes easy. For the soul life, it is easier to live under law than grace, because everything is cut and dried. “We should serve in newness of spirit, not in the oldness of the letter.” The soul likes what is old. The spirit is made for newness. People who don’t serve in newness of spirit like everything set. They live by traditions, routines, formulas, and cliches. Those who serve in newness of spirit live by the dynamic of the Holy Spirit. A renewed spirit converts doctrine into practice. The Word becomes internalized by the Holy Spirit. Some people are always learning new things from the Lord. When you are with them you sense the presence of the Lord. We become stagnant when we imitate the experience of others. We should expect to experience new things from the Holy Spirit. To renew our spirit we must constantly be in fellowship with the Father and the Son. When we do that the Holy Spirit will constantly lead us into new experiences of spirit.