



The Doctrine of Salvation, part 3

The gift of the Spirit at salvation

I. The Holy Spirit's work before salvation:

John 16:7-15

The Holy Spirit convicts of sin, reveals the truth of the gospel and draws the unbeliever to repentance and faith

II. The Holy Spirit's work at salvation:

1. He causes us to be born again. This is regeneration (John 3:1-8)

2. He indwells us (1 Cor. 3:16, Rom. 8:9-11)

3. He baptizes us into the body of Christ (1 Cor. 12:12-13)

4. He seals us for all eternity (Eph. 1:13-14)

5. He adopts us into God's family (Rom. 8:15-16)

III. The non-repeated ministries of the Spirit that happen at salvation:

1. Regeneration

Regeneration is being born again by the Spirit of God and receiving eternal spiritual life based upon Christ's resurrection and through the instrumentality of the Word of God (John 3:3-8, Titus 3:5-6, 1 Peter 1:23-24)

2. Indwelling

Indwelling is the Spirit's ministry of permanently living inside the believer (Romans 8:9-10, 1 Corinthians 3:16)

3. Baptism

Baptism is the ministry of the Spirit where He connects and identifies the believer with Christ and with the Body of Christ (Acts 11:15-17, 1 Corinthians 12:12-13)

4. Sealing

Sealing is the ministry of the Holy Spirit where He places God's permanent mark of ownership and protection on us. The Spirit is the deposit guaranteeing the believer's eternal inheritance (Ephesians 1:13-14)

5. Adoption

Adoption is the ministry of the Spirit where the believer is given the status of sonship with God and being made a co-heir with Christ through the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit (Romans 8:15-16, Galatians 3:26-4:6)