# **Spiritual Birth: An Analogy**

A New Life through Spiritual Birth

Have you just been born again? That's truly wonderful, but please don't go running off into the wild world out there without sticking around long enough to find out what just happened to you! You also need to know the essentials about how to live this new life, especially how to stay connected to your new Source.

That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' John 3:6-7 ESV

### A Simple Analogy

When a baby is born its former life as a fetus comes to an abrupt, decisive and irrevocable end: There is no going back to the womb! That place of darkness held the seed of life while it grew, but now the child has been brought forth into the light. The darkness of the womb may return in

many forms--some comforting, some terrifying—as the infant grows through the cycles of day and night, of love and fear, of clarity and confusion. Such darkness, however, can always be overcome by fresh infusions of light.

The primal "reign" of unrelieved darkness has been shattered, but even that is not the decisive factor: The breath of life has come! Now that the child has breathed the sweet air of freedom, it can never



return to an oxygen-less environment. To not see is to be deprived of fullness; to not breath is to be deprived of life.

In the Upper Room on the evening of His Resurrection, Jesus literally breathed on the first disciples and they received the Holy Spirit, the "breath" (*ruach*) of God's life within themselves. So it is with each one of us who are born again by a living faith in Jesus' life, death and resurrection. We have God's own life within ourselves! Holy Spirit is the One who inspires and empowers our faith, who unites us to God and Jesus, and who raises us and enables us to live the New Life that now is opening wide before us.

## Spiritual Birth Initiates Three Relationships

The new life that we receive through spiritual birth ushers us into three intimate, divine relationships:



#### 1. Father Planted the Seed of His Word

He has revealed Jesus to your formerly sin-darkened heart as only He can. By this He is drawing you out of darkness into the glorious light of His Son's kingdom. Your heavenly Father is raising you up through His Son to be His child.

#### 2. Jesus Is the Light of the World

He is God's Word of mercy who saves you, washing away the "filth" of the old ways. He is God's Word of truth who now enlightens your understanding, showing you the true way to walk with your God. He is your Lover, Savior, Master, Lord and Friend.

#### 3. Holy Spirit Is the Breath of Life

You have been brought into a very intimate relationship with, shall we say, the Mystery Person of the Trinity, who is now your Helper, willing to live through you a life you will never be able to live without His help.

Your new top assignment is to know Them, believe in Them, love Them, serve Them and become Their friend! Yes, they are <u>Three in One</u>, but... You need all Three! To be more properly "introduced" to your new spiritual "Parents" we have included a section on <u>Our God</u>. For now, there is so much for you to learn about how to get started with this new life! Please explore the following articles.

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