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Fruit of a believing heart Pt 1 –Holy Ghost dwells in us

This is our first study on the topic – Outcome of a believing heart. In this teaching we establish three points – (1) Salvation occurs when we believe in our heart the Lord Jesus, (2) After we believe we are sealed with the Holy Spirit in our hearts, (3) After we believe the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost.

Our four points as established from the scriptures –

1. Salvation occurs when we believe in our heart the Lord Jesus

“And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God” (Acts 8: 37).

2. After we believe we are sealed with the Holy Spirit in our hearts

“Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts” (2 Cor.1: 22) – . C.f. – Eph.1: 13 – “In whom ye also [trusted], after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise”.

3) After we believe the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost

“And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us” (Rom 5:5).

Illustration

There is a song –Trust and Obey

When we walk with the Lord in the light of His Word,

What a glory He sheds on our way!

While we do His good will, He abides with us still,

And with all who will trust and obey.

Trust and obey, for there's no other way

To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Question to think about.

When a lost sinner believes in their heart the gospel of Christ, what is the fruit?

Answer from the scriptures

i) They love the Lord with all their heart – Matt.22: 37. See also Mk.12:30.

ii) The peace of God rules in their hearts – Col.3: 15.

And that peace passes all understanding & keeps their hearts and minds through Christ Jesus – Phil. 4: 7.

iii) They trust the Lord with all of their heart – Prov.3: 5.

iv) They obey His voice with all of their heart – Deut.30: 2.

They obey God and His doctrine from their heart –Rom.6: 17, they obey in singleness of heart – Col.3: 22, and they obey the truth through the Spirit – 1 Pet.1: 22.

Therefore when a person gets saved by faith in the gospel of Christ they are sealed by the Holy Ghost, and the love of God is shed abroad in their hearts by the Spirit.

The Spirit of God that dwells in their heart enables them to love the Lord, trust Him, seek to obey Him and the peace of God rules in their heart.

Let us encourage others to believe the gospel – that they may know from the moment they believe Christ – that He dwells in their heart, and the Holy Spirit enables them to – love, trust, and obey the Lord with all of their heart. Amen!