## OIPGJW8KARDhttps://o.remove.bg/downloads/a7b17953-af2a-4fbb-8117-3de917399d03/logo-removebg-preview.png **The Sin Problem**

## **The Fruit of the Gospel**

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***Introduction:*** Our Lord Jesus does not save the sinner in his/her sin but from sin. He is called Jesus because “He shall save his people from their sins” (Matt. 1:21).

“Therefore if any man be in Christ he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new” (2Cor. 5: 17). One result of being saved in Christ then is a changed life. How does this come about?

***When a sinner accepts Jesus Christ as his/her personal Saviour, what happens to him/her? Revelation 3:20; Romans 8: 9***

The Holy Spirit comes into him/her.

***How do human beings come into the world? Psalm 51: 5***

Is it possible for a sinner to become good by his/her own efforts? Jeremiah 13: 23; Romans7: 14 – 25

***How did Jesus emphasize the impossibility of a sinner becoming spiritual by his/her own efforts? John 3: 6***

***What promise has God made to those who want to become godly? Ezekiel 36 : 26***

How can this promise become a reality in a person’s life? John 3: 3

What is the meaning of being born again? John 3: 5

When a sinner accepts Jesus Christ as his/her personal Saviour and he/she is baptized as an open declaration of his/her faith in Jesus, he/she is born of water. Where the sinner allows the Holy Spirit to come into his/her heart to take total control of his/her life he/she is born of the Spirit.

When a person is born of water and the Spirit he/she is born again (meaning born the second time – this time not physically but spiritually)

How can a person be sure that he/she has the Holy Spirit in him/her? Revelation 3: 20

God does not lie nor break His promises (see Numbers 23: 19). Once you sincerely pray for the Holy Spirit to come into your life, He comes in immediately. Believe He has come in.

What is the evidence that the Holy is in a person? Matt 7: 20 – 21

What is the fruit of the Holy Spirit? Galatians 5: 22 – 23

It is the presence of this fruit that proves that a person has the Holy Spirit – not speaking in tongues, shaking or rolling on the ground: Satan can make you do these.

***But the apostles spoke in tongues when they received the Holy Spirit? Acts 2: 1 – 6.***

Yes, because they needed to preach the gospel in different languages to different peoples. Our Lord Jesus too received the Holy Spirit at His baptism, but He did not speak in tongues. See Matt. 3: 13, 16, 17.

***When the Holy Spirit comes into me, do I become perfect at once?*** No! Read Ephesians 4: 11 – 13

When a person becomes born again, he/she is a baby in the spiritual sense. He/she then grows in grace. The nearer he/she comes to Christ Jesus, the more of his/her sinful nature he/she becomes aware of. This should not discourage him/her since it is not his/her righteousness that saves him/her but the perfect righteousness of Christ Jesus which He credited to him/her freely at conversion.

ii. Read Galatian 5: 17.

A born again person still has a sinful nature. There is a conflict between the sinful nature and the Holy Spirit. The sinful nature pulls and pushes us to do what is contrary to the will of God, but the Spirit prompts us to do good. If we choose to obey the Spirit any time there is this conflict, the Spirit empowers us to do right. Of ourselves, we do not have the power to do the right, but the Spirit enables us.

***What is the attitude of a truly born again person to the law?*** Hebrew 8: 10, 1 John 2: 3.

A born again person loves to keep the commandments of God and is enabled to keep them by the Holy Spirit.

But the thief on the cross who accepted Jesus Christ as Saviour did not keep any commandment yet he was saved? Remans 3: 20-22

:We do not earn salvation by our obedience: for salvation is the free gift of God to be received by faith. But obedience is the fruit of faith Ellen G. White. -- *Steps to Christ* p. 61 (Emphasis added).

***Please explain this further.***

We do not keep the commandments in order to be saved but because we are saved. The law (the decalogue) is not a method of salvation but, a standard of salvation. Commandment keeping is the evidence that a person has a genuine faith in Christ Jesus as Saviour and Lord. See 1 John 2: 3.

***But the Bible says in Mathew 7: 21, that we shall be judged by works, why?*** James 2: 14 – 26

We shall be judged by works because works is the evidence of genuine faith. God cannot save a person without a genuine faith. Salvation is purely by grace through faith but the faith must be a genuine one. A false faith is the one that accepts Christ as Saviour but not as Lord (Master of one‘s life).

***Conclusion:*** At conversion the Holy Spirit comes into the Christian’s life. As the Christian submits on a daily basis to the control of the Spirit, he/she becomes more and more like Jesus in character. Thus the perfect righteousness which is already his/hers in Christ is revealed in his/her life.

***Prayer***: Father, give me grace to always allow the Holy Spirit to have His way in my life. In Jesus’ name, amen.