



Spiritual Renewal

Titus 3:1-8; Galatians 5:16-26
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Breathe Deep: Spiritual Renewal

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Main Idea: The Holy Spirit breathes life into people, transforming them into followers of Christ.

Connecting

Do you enjoy gardening? Why or why not?

Describe an experience that dramatically altered your point of view.

Understanding

Read Titus 3:1-8. Compare the before and after picture of those who place their faith in Christ.

Why does Paul use the metaphors of washing, rebirth and renewal to describe God's work of salvation (v. 5)?

What is the relationship between our good deeds and God's grace?

Read Galatians 5:16-26. Describe the tension that exists between the sinful nature and the work of the Spirit.

Contrast the characteristics of the sinful nature with the fruit of the Spirit.

Living

How is the renewing work of the Holy Spirit evident in your life?

What does it mean to keep in step with the Spirit?

Return to Titus 3:1-2. How can the work of the Spirit transform the way that Christ-followers engage in political discussions?

In what areas of your life do you experience conflict between the "flesh" and the Spirit?

How can we help each other in these struggles?

What disciplines help you keep in step with the Spirit?

Read John 15:4-5. Thank God for the transforming work of his Spirit. Pray that we will bear fruit that reflects his character.

Sneak Preview:

Next Sunday: **Pain-filled Prayer** – Romans 8:17-27

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