

Galatians 4:29--But as then he that was born after the flesh persecuted him that was born after the Spirit, even so it is now.

II Thessalonians 2:13,14 -- But we are bound to give thanks always to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth. Unto which he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 8:15-17 -- For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit himself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God; And if children, then heirs--heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ--if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

Thus among a sampling of conservative theologians, classic creeds, and New Testament references, we note the concensus of viewpoint relating the Holy Spirit to regeneration. The Spirit of the Trinity is viewed as the efficient agent in imparting spiritual life to those spiritually dead.

THE PRESENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE WORLD

The Omnipresence of God and thus of the Holy Spirit

The theological doctrine of the omnipresence of the Holy Spirit is directly relevant to the question of regeneration and the Old Testament believer. Perhaps one of the better statements of the doctrine of the Omnipresence of God is found in the first volume of Charles Hodge's

Systematic Theology:

Theologians are accustomed to distinguish three modes of presence in space. Bodies are in space circumscriptively. They are bounded by it. Spirits are in space definitely. They have an ubi. They are not everywhere, but only somewhere. God is in space repletively. He fills all space. In other words, the limitations of space have no reference to Him. He is not absent from any portion of space, nor more present in one portion than in another. This is of course not to be understood of extension or diffusion. Extension is a property of matter, and cannot be predicated of God.