The Holy Spirit

“The Spirit Gives Life…” II Cor 3:6 Lesson 4

1. The Work of the Spirit is to Give, Reinvigorate and Sustain Life.
2. Texts that make the association between “breath” and “spirit” or “life.”
3. Genesis 2:7 - ... breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being ...” In this text the related words “breathed” - *naphach* - and being or soul - *nephesh* - are used.
4. Genesis 1:2 – “... the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.” In this text the word which also means “wind” - *ruach* - is used.
5. John 3:5-9 - The wind blows wherever it pleases ... So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.” Here the word “Spirit” and “wind” are the same word *pneuma*.
6. Revelation 13:15 - He was given power to give breath (“life”) to the image of the first beast ...” Here *pneuma* means “breath” and “life.”
7. Aside: the Greek word *anemos*, which is translated “wind” uniformly in the A.V., is related both to *pneuma* and to the Latin word anima, “spirit.”
8. The Fundamental or Basic Work of the Spirit of God is to Give Life.
9. Genesis 1:2 - ... the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.\*
10. Psalm 104:30 - When you send your Spirit they are created ...\*
11. II Cor 3:6--" - ...the Spirit gives life..."
12. This notion of life-giving being the fundamental work of the Holy Spirit will undergird the remainder of this study. We will examine the various ways in which the Holy Spirit works, and all of them have something to do with giving life!
13. The Life-Giving Work of the Holy Spirit.
14. The Holy Spirit and the Giving of Life.
15. Genesis 1:2 - the Spirit of God was present at the creation.
16. Psalm 104:30 - the Spirit of God creates and renews.
17. Isaiah 22:9-20 - the outpouring of the Spirit brings life.
18. Isaiah 34:16 - God's Spirit even guides the animals.
19. Isaiah 44:3-4 - God's Spirit renews God's people.

B. The Holy Spirit and the Life of Christ (detail next lesson)

(1) Matthew 1:18, 20; Luke 1:35 - Mary was pregnant by the Holy Spirit

(2) Luke 4:1 - Jesus was led by the Spirit

(3) Luke 4:14-19 (Isaiah 61:1-2) - Jesus worked in the power of the Spirit

(4) John 3:34-35 - Jesus was given the Spirit without limit ("measure")

(5) I Peter 3:18 - Christ was made alive by the Spirit

C. The Holy Spirit and the New Life

(1) John 3:5-6 - the new birth is a Spirit birth

(2) John 6:63 - the Spirit gives life

(3) Romans 8:10-11 - the Spirit gives life to our bodies

(4) II Corinthians 4:16; Titus 3:5-6 - the inward man is renewed by the Spirit

(5) Galatians 4:6 - the Spirit testifies of adoption to a new life

(6) Galatians 6:8 - the Spirit allows the harvest of life

(7) II Corinthians 1:22, 5:5; Ephesians 1:13 - the Spirit is a down-payment on eternal life

(8) II Corinthians 3:3; Ephesians 1:15-23; Colossians 1:27 - the Spirit brings Christ to life in His body