

The New Person in Christ:

- A SPIRITUAL HEART** – a new heart that can love an enemy – only God can give that heart – Ezekiel 18:31, Hebrews 10:16.
- A SPIRITUAL MIND** – a new (renewed) mind- the mind of Christ – 1 Corinthians 2:16; Ephesians 4:23.
- A SPIRITUAL BODY** – a new body. Using our body to displease God shows lack of knowledge and appreciation of God -1 Corinthians 3:16-17, Romans 6:6.
- A NEW SPIRIT** – this is given so that we can obey Him. We are what we do – John 10:25, John 8:29. You cannot serve two masters – the one you do His work is the one you serve - Matthew 6:24, Luke 16:13.

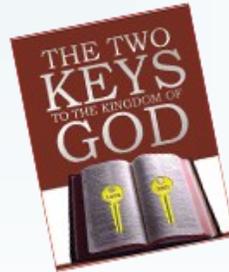
When we know the truth, we are free (to know God means loving Him by implicitly obeying Him) - this is the knowledge of the truth that sets us free indeed – John 8:31-36.

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The Four Characteristics of One Born of God



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FOUR CHARACTERISTICS OF THOSE BORN OF GOD

One born of God, born of His Spirit, born again has four defining qualities or characteristics as follows:

- * **A SPIRITUAL HEART**
- * **A SPIRITUAL MIND**
- * **A SPIRITUAL BODY**
- * **A NEW SPIRIT**

God is Spirit and those born of God have taken the lost image of God. One born of God has become 'god' to unbelievers and even to Satan. One born of God is a new creation – John 3:5-7; John 1:12-13; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Revelation 21:5. If we are new and some of us still show signs of old, then we are not really new – Galatians 3:27.

A SPIRITUAL HEART

If we are truly born of God, we must indeed have a new heart—Matthew 5:8. Humble, broken, contrite heart – Psalm 51:17; Ezekiel 18:31-32; Ezekiel 36:26. A heart of love and compassion that can love even the worst enemy. This heart can only come from God to those willing. Hebrews 8:10.

A SPIRITUAL MIND

One born of God must have a spiritual mind—Ephesians 4:17, 23. A spiritual mind is a new mind. Whatever you believe runs your life and controls you. How can you be controlled by two masters? How can you be afraid of the unknown? As long as you are in bondage of fear, you do not have a new mind – 2 Corinthians 3:17. If you have fear of evil spirits, fear of the unknown; then you need a sound mind from God – Galatians 4:9; 2 Timothy 1:7. We need the mind that is in, and of Christ – Philippians 2:5; 1 Corinthians 2:16.

A fearful person is seen by God as a wicked person – Proverbs 28:1. The major weapon of the devil is fear. That is why when God encounters people in the Bible, He often says to them first – "Fear Not!" Submit to God first, put on the full armor of God and the devil will flee – James 4:7.

We are to set our minds on things above – Colossians 3:2. Pray to get, through the Spirit of God, the spirit (mind) that will remove fear of the unknown from you. 2 Corinthians 10:5-6.

A SPIRITUAL BODY

Our mortal body, crucified and buried in baptism with Christ, becomes new and transformed into a spiritual temple where God dwells—Romans 6:6. You cannot operate in the Spirit and in the flesh at the same time. God lives in a house built by Him. We are His temple – 1 Corinthians 3:16-17. Whoever defiles the temple of the living God, God says He will destroy that person. We must therefore bring our flesh and body under subjection to the Spirit. We cannot afford to have our flesh controlling us; if we are born of His Spirit – born of God. If we use our body to displease God, we show ingratitude and lack of knowledge of God.

Our flesh must be crucified. If your flesh is still controlling you, then you do not truly know God – Isaiah 66:1-2; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20; Galatians 5:24; 1 John 3; 6. If Christ went into a temple made with hands, where He does not even live in, and 'destroyed' the defilers – How much more if we defile His temple – our body? The key here is to do everything as unto God – 1 Corinthians 10:31.

After we have played our part, by His grace, and presented ourselves for spiritual heart, mind and body; then God will give us a new spirit.

A NEW SPIRIT

One born of God must have a new spirit—the Spirit of God replacing the spirit of man. God will give us a new spirit if we humble ourselves and truly repent – (spiritual repentance). Ezekiel 11:19-20; Ezekiel 36:26-27; 1 Corinthians 2:12.

We must not be double minded in serving and following God. If we are, we would become hypocrites. Flattery is unacceptable. If you talk, act and behave like an unbeliever; you are an unbeliever, no matter what you think. Whatever you do is what you are – John 10:25; Matthew 5:16; 1 Peter 2:12; John 8:39-44. The purpose of a new spirit is to enable us to obey God. Without this new spirit, it is impossible to obey God implicitly.

SPIRITUAL FOUNDATION OF AGREEMENT

Jesus and His Father are One – John 8:29, John 10:30, John 17:21-23. For us to walk together with God, we must be in spiritual agreement with Him, with His Word and His Spirit – Amos 3:3.

How can we be led by His Spirit and still be in the flesh? – John 1:12-13; Romans 8:9-10, Romans 8:14; Galatians 5:25. If you do not have the Spirit of Christ, you are not His.

Only the Spirit of God understands God – 1 Corinthians 2:11-14. Christ came to show us how to relate to God in the spirit and in truth – John 14:6. You can change, but God cannot change.

- * We are not here to argue or strive with God, or to live and be led by our own opinions. God has created us for His pleasure - He has made the rules in love and has released His grace for obedience. We either take it or leave it – if we want to operate as His sons on the earth.
- * His ways are not our ways, neither His thoughts are our thoughts. We are called to adjust to His ways and thoughts. That is why Jesus came to the earth. He came to reveal His truth, His way and give us His life – a new life; a new creation – born again; born anew.

*Why do we have the four characteristics?
– that we may obey Him:*

"I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them." (Ezekiel 36:26-27)

"For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put My Laws into their mind and write them in their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be My people." (Hebrews 8:10)