

Text: Galatians 3:1-5; Titus 3:5

## **“BEGUN IN THE SPIRIT”**

### **(I) MORE THAN ONE WAY OF LOOKING AT OUR LIFE IN CHRIST**

1. Christ and our New Life
2. The Holy Spirit and our New Life

### **(II) SIGNIFICANCE OF HAVING MORE THAN ONE PERSPECTIVE**

1. To help us check the reality of our faith in Christ
2. To deepen our understanding of our new life in Christ

### **(III) THE PERSPECTIVE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT’S INVOLVEMENT IN OUR LIFE**

#### **1. Receiving of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 3:2)**

- a) He is given by the Lord
- b) He is given as
  - i) Seal
  - ii) Guarantee (**Ephesians 1:13-14**)
- c) He is received when we first believed in Jesus as our Saviour and Lord
  - i) He is not given because of the keeping of the law
  - ii) He is given by the hearing of faith (**Galatians 3:2**)

#### **2. Begun in the Spirit (Galatians 3:3)**

- a) He generates new life
- b) He creates the second-birth (**John 3:3**)
- c) The new life begins with the Spirit of God indwelling us
- d) He continues to work within us

e) He seeks to perfect His work in us

### **3. The works of the Holy Spirit in us**

a) Mighty miracles in the days of the apostles (**Galatians 3:5**)

b) The fruit of the Spirit (**Galatians 5:22-23**)

c) He draws us to God in prayer (**Romans 8:15**)