

the sinner's heart is not one act alone, a great change wrought, but a continuous effect as well, for the Spirit abides or inhabits the hearts of God's believing people. The Christian is not only born anew through the Spirit, but he also lives in the Spirit, is indwelt by the Spirit, and brings forth the fruit of the Spirit.

The fruit of the Spirit is Love, of which all other love is but the reflection. The Divine Spirit alone understands its meaning, and the souls that are taught by Him. It is through His love that it becomes a fruit in our lives, it is by loving us that love springs up in our hearts. It is true love, the very love of God in its richest, tenderest, purest expression.

In comparing man with a tree, it has been said that the heart is the root. According to a man's heart so will the fruit of his life be. It is for this reason that God begins with the heart, taking away the heart of stone and giving the heart of flesh. He begins at the centre of our being. He makes the acts and deeds right by making the heart right. Man wants to change the outside and work towards the centre. God's plan is the reverse of this. In His plan life precedes all else, as Christ taught in his interview with Nicodemus, "Ye must be born again," or "born anew," or born from above. But the Scripture imagery is better. The Christian is united to Christ, as the branch in the vine, by faith, through the power of