



"Marks of the Believer's Birthright" (Part 5)

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1 Peter 3:11-12



8 Finally, in everything be of one mind, sympathetic, brotherly love, tenderhearted, humble. **9** Not returning evil for evil or insult for insult, but on the other hand, giving a blessing; for you have been called for this purpose: so that you might inherit a blessing. **10** For,

HE WHO WISHES TO LOVE LIFE AND SEE GOOD DAYS KEEP HIS TONGUE FROM EVIL AND HIS LIPS FROM SPEAKING DECEIT. **11** AND LET HIM TURN AWAY FROM EVIL AND DO GOOD; LET HIM SEEK

PEACE AND PURSUE IT. **12** FOR THE EYES OF THE LORD ARE UPON THE RIGHTEOUS AND HIS EARS [OPEN] TO THEIR PRAYER. BUT HIS FACE IS AGAINST THOSE WHO DO EVIL.

– 1 Peter 3:8-12, As translated from the Greek New Testament by T. Bartolucci.

Introduction:

I. Marks of the Believer's Birthright (vv. 8-12)

Partakers of grace give evidence of grace.
Graced people are gracious people.

A. The Mark of Love: *How do I Act Toward Friends?* (8)

B. The Mark of Forgiveness: *How do I Act Toward Foes?* (9a)

C. The Mark of God's Call: *What is my Desire?* (9b)

D. The Mark of Repentance: *What is my Direction?* (9b)

1. The passage that Peter quotes is Psalm 34:12-15

2. What is repentance?

a. Biblically, the word refers to a turning

(1) Two common words in the OT to convey repentance

(a) Hebrew "Shuv" (שׁוּב)

(b) Hebrew "Nacham" (נָחַם)

(2) New Testament: "metanoia" (μετάνοια)

b. Repentance involves the _____ person

3. How does repentance relate to saving faith?

4. How does repentance relate to living the Christian life?

a. The Puritan Thomas Watson:

(1) Repent of your rash _____

(2) Repent of your _____ thoughts

(3) Repent of your vain _____

(4) Repent of your decays in _____

(5) Repent of your non-improvement of talents

(6) Repent of your _____

(7) Repent of your divisions

(8) Repent for the iniquity of your _____ things

E. The Mark of God's Favor: *Where is my Deliverance?* (12)

Conclusion: "The Fearful Account of Francis Spira"