

Reproduction #4

Pray: Ask the Holy Spirit to teach you today.

Read: Ephesians 1:3-14

Having decided to bear fruit, be salty, and shine as lights in the world, it is important to understand the process of spiritual reproduction. Discover the steps to spiritual reproduction.

1. What did Paul say was the purpose God has for each believer's life? (Vv.11-12)

Many struggle to make sense of the doctrines of predestination and election. Here is a quote by an anonymous preacher to help you understand those doctrines a little, and a verse to back it up...

"Whosoever will is elect. Whosoever won't aint", and the verse... "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that WHOSOEVER believeth on him should not perish, but have eternal-life." John 3:16 ☺(Discuss)

2. Where did the chain of reproduction first begin? (v. 12)

3. List the stages of spiritual reproduction below in proper order

- a) First (v.12)
- b) Second (v.13a)
- c) Third (v.13b)
- d) Fourth (v.13c)

Spiritual reproduction is the process of passing the life giving seed of the gospel from a believer to a nonbeliever for the purpose of causing a new birth to occur in another's life. The result should be a chain of witnesses as each shares his faith with another. (Discuss)

4. What do you think Paul meant when he said, "you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise"?

Years ago, a wax seal was used on letters to identify the sender and protect the contents until the recipient opened it. In the same way, the Holy Spirit identifies us as belonging to God. This seal of the Holy Spirit is the mark of ownership or of authenticity, indicating that we belong to God, that we're truly his children by adoption.

In giving us the Holy Spirit, God shows He means business when He promises to bring us safely to our final inheritance. It's like the deposit you might pay on the purchase of a house. The deposit is the first payment that secures your legal claim on the property and it's also the first instalment on the final purchase price. So it is with the gift of the Holy Spirit. In giving the Holy Spirit to us, God isn't just promising us our final inheritance. He's also giving us a foretaste of it. He's giving us our first experience of being an intimate part of His family, connected to Him in a very personal way.

Pray together; ask the Lord to help each of you continue the chain of reproduction by your witness.