

#6 Signs of New Life

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- Spiritual life, then, much like physical life is a subtle but powerful force inherent in every Christian believer.
- Make sure you have spiritual life.
- Early on, examine the infant's color, breathing, pulse rate, reflex and muscle tone.
- Spiritual changes also take place.
- Biogenesis (scientific principle: life comes from life)



Wind & Life

"The wind blows where it wishes and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going; so is everyone who is born of the Spirit" (John 3:8).

Water & Life

"But whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life" (John 4:14).

- The life force is focused rather than dispersed, and so it is with spiritual life—abounding and free, yet very purposeful.

Expressions of the Spirit's Work

"Born of the Spirit" (John 3:8)

- A desire for God's Word
- A longing to be with other Christian believers
- A desire to talk to God (prayer)

- An awareness of one's sins
- A need for forgiveness through Jesus Christ
- A growing affection for God and His ways
- An awareness of others and care for their needs

Our Lessons

- Wind and rivers teach us about the presence, purpose and power of the Holy Spirit.
- New life comes from the Spirit's presence in our soul.
- Spiritual life, like physical life, reveals its genuineness through certain expected signs.
- These signs of spiritual life will always be present in a genuine believer, though they can be repressed or damaged by continuing in sin.

Our Applications

➡ Think about when you first came to know Jesus. Review the signs of life listed above. Can you observe them in your own life? Write down the most significant ones.

