

Spurgeon's Notes

3:2—Kindness and gentleness are two of the ornaments of our faith. I would that some professed Christians would understand that unholy contentiousness is not after the mind of Christ. The Christian must be willing to suffer wrongfully and to bear it in patience. He is never to be one who renders evil for evil or railing for railing.

3:7—The Spirit is poured out on us abundantly by Jesus Christ, and we are “justified by his grace.” Both justification and sanctification come to us through our Lord Jesus Christ. We must never forget that regeneration is worked in us by the Holy Spirit but comes to us by Jesus Christ. We do not receive any blessing apart from our Lord Jesus. In all works of the Spirit, whether regeneration or renewal, the Lord Jesus is putting forth his power, for he says, “*Behold, I make all things new*” (Rev. 21:5)