

## **The Fruit from the Holy Spirit**

- I.** The process of regeneration produces the individual's new birth.
  1. It is a spiritual birth—the 2<sup>nd</sup> birth.
  2. Each of the three Persons of the Godhead indwell the believer.
    - 1) The Father—participation in the divine nature, new spiritual Father and family.
    - 2) The Son—eternal life, new mind of Christ.
    - 3) The Holy Spirit—sealed, earnest, anointing, first-fruit (Rom. 8:23).
- II.** The Fruit from the Spirit general description (Gal. 5:22).
  1. 'Fruit' is a metaphor for 'product', the intended 'outcome.'
  2. The Holy Spirit is the source of the fruit.
  3. One fruit—nine facets.
  4. All nine facets are perspectives, a manner of viewing circumstances, the ability to discern meaningful relationships; they are the reasoning preceding action.
  5. This obviously takes place in the 'mind of Christ' (1 Cor. 2:16).
  6. The Holy Spirit produces the fruit, then the believer uses it to guide behavior.
- III.** The Fruit from the Spirit becomes your fruit (Jn. 15:1-16).
  1. The 'vine-branch' is an extended metaphor: figurative.
    - 1) The Vine is Christ (v. 1).
    - 2) The Vinedresser is the Father, vineyardist (v. 1).
    - 3) The branches are New Testament saints (v. 5).
      - i. The branch is intended to bear fruit: in context this is the New Commandment.
      - ii. The branch is completely dependent upon its relationship with the Vine (*cf.* Eph. 4:16; Col. 2:19).
      - iii. The Father demands production (v. 2).
      - iv. The branch can grow in production rate (vv. 2, 5, 8).
  2. The conditions for production are:
    - 1) The branch is 'at ease' in the Vine (v. 4).
    - 2) The Vine is 'at ease' in the branch (v. 5).
    - 3) The branch 'guards' the New Commandment (v. 10).
  3. When fruit is produced, in action, it becomes the branch's fruit (v. 16).
- IV.** Conclusion: The Fruit from the Spirit is divine enabling to view circumstances from God's perspective and act accordingly.