

The Fruit from the Holy Spirit

I. The fruit is from the Holy Spirit because it is given to the believer as a divine enabling (Gal. 5:22-23).

1. It is to be used by the believer to product his fruit: human responsibility to the divine enabling.
2. All nine facets of the fruit are a manner of viewing circumstances, the ability to discern meaningful relationships, the reasoning that precedes action.

II. The facet of love (Gal. 5:22).

1. Jesus changed the definition of love when referring to humans—ἀγάπη agape {ag-ah'-pay}.
2. “As I loved you”, now a divine quality of love (Jn. 13:34).
3. No longer human generated (*cf.* Mt. 22:36-40; Mk. 12:28-30; Lu. 10:25-28).
4. The changes in love:
 - 1) Was human effort; now a divine enabling.
 - 2) Was self-centered; now is other centered.
 - 3) Was measured by a human standard; now measured by a divine standard.
 - 4) Was directed at a human race—the Jews (neighbor Lev. 19:18; Duet. 23:1-7; Mt. 5:43); now directed at a race (“one another”, is the church 1 Pet. 2:9; Eph. 4:25).

III. Jesus’ example, or illustration of other centered love (Jn. 13:4-18).

1. It was a highly symbolic washing (vv. 7, 10, 14, 15).
2. Changes terms for ‘wash’.
 - 1) Vv. 5, 8, 10, 12, 14 is a partial washing, pouring water from one vessel to another.
 - 2) V. 10 is a complete body washing, bathe.
3. The washing of feet is a symbolic demonstration of ministering to others regardless of position, meeting others’ needs, other centered love referred to in verse 34.
4. Note that Judas is excluded from the application of this love; it is for believers only (vv. 10-11, 18).