

The Inner Man, part 17
Spirit Filling

I. Divine enabling as pictured by the Inner Man.

1. A better Comforter than in the Old Testament (Jn. 14:16, 26; 16:7).
2. The Holy Spirit indwells each believer (Rom. 8:9).
 - 1) The Holy Spirit comforts (Jn. 16:7 *cf.* 14:1, 27).
 - 2) When the Holy Spirit is comforting, it is called 'filling':
make up what is lacking, supply (2 Cor. 7:3).
3. Seven of the nine facets of the Fruit from the Spirit involve comforting the individual, being filled (Gal. 5:22-23).

II. Joy: a facet of the Fruit from the Spirit that brings comfort.

1. This type of joy is supernaturally provided in times of distress, advise situations (2 Cor. 7:4).
2. Joy is a result of Spirit filling (Rom. 15:13).
3. Joy given during times of persecution (Heb. 11:32-37).
4. Joy is not available during the Father's discipline, *i.e.*, to a carnal Christian (Heb. 12:11 *cf.* 12:3-9).
5. Joy during trials, along with faith, makes a real perspective of our promised future (1 Pet. 1:7-9).
6. Learning how to practice the New Commandment brings joy (1 Jn. 1:4).
 - 1) Knowing you have Eternal life (1 Jn. 5:13).
 - 2) Practicing the New Commandment (1 Jn. 2:1, 12).
 - 3) Recognizing counterfeits (1 Jn. 2:15-17, 19; 4:1-3; 5:21).