

Spirit Filling, part 4
the Fruit from the Spirit

- I.** “You be filled by the Spirit...!” (Eph. 5:18).
 - 1. The Holy Spirit fills repeatedly—present imperative (2 Cor. 4:16).
 - 2. The Christian has the responsibility to be in a condition to be filled—passive voice.
 - 1) Not quenching the Spirit (1 Thes. 5:19).
 - 2) Not grieving the Spirit—opposite of comfort (Eph. 5:30).
 - 3) Being ceremonially clean (1 Jn. 1:9).
 - 3. ‘Filled’ means to supply what is lacking (Phil. 4:17-19).
- II.** Nine facets of the Fruit from the Spirit.
 - 1. Some facets primarily motivate service (love, kindness, faith).
 - 2. Some facets primarily comfort the Christian (Jn. 16:7; 14:26; Gal. 5:22-23).
 - 1) To keep his emotions in check (Col. 2:2; 3:15).
 - 2) So that he is able to logically think in adverse circumstances (Rom. 5:18; Phil. 4:8).
- III.** The facets of the Fruit from the Spirit that comfort (Gal. 5:22-23).
 - 1. **Joy** (2 Cor. 7:4).
 - 2. **Peace** (Phil. 4:3).
 - 3. **Longsuffering**—*an enabling to focus on the spiritual goal, to the extent that nothing, or nobody can distract from the intended objective* (Jam. 5:7-8).
 - 1) Longsuffering is distinct from patience and forbearance, which are acquired human skills.
 - i. Patience is towards circumstances (Rom. 5:3).
 - ii. Forbearance is towards others’ personality, foibles, mannerisms: tolerance.
 - 2) We are to practiced longsuffering to focus on other believers’ spiritual wellbeing (Eph. 4:1-3).
- IV. Goodness**—*a quality of the mind and heart to have an inner satisfaction in living a Christian lifestyle which is manifest in a happy demeanor.*
 - 1. God is a happy God (1 Tim. 1:11; 1 Pet. 4:14).
 - 2. Goodness affects how we deal with others (Rom. 15:14).
 - 3. Goodness affects good works (2 Thes. 1:11).