

Spirit Filling, part 9

The Fruit from the Spirit

- I.** The Fruit from the Spirit becomes your fruit (Jn. 15:1-16).
 - 1. The branches, Christians are designed to bear fruit (15:2).
 - 2. This fruit is a product of the New Commandment (15:3).
 - 3. The amount of fruit is dependent upon a relationship with the Vine—Christ (15:5).
 - 4. A disciple of Christ bears fruit (15:8).
 - 5. A fruit of righteousness is the result of the Holy Spirit's filling, a divine enabling (Phil. 1:11).
 - 6. A fruit of righteousness is the expectation in the family of God (Jn. 15:2; Heb. 12:11).
- II.** The Fruit from the Spirit, the facet of love (Gal. 5:22).
 - 1. **Love** is a delight in the spiritual welfare of the one loved, even to the point of self-sacrifice.
 - 2. This type of love is a divine enabling—supernatural.
 - 3. Love is the result of the mind and will.
 - 4. Love can be seen only by what it produces.
- III.** The Old Testament standard of love.
 - 1. Could be earned (Duet. 7:9-14).
 - 2. Human love had a human measurement, with many degrees of love (Mt. 22:36-40; Mk. 12:30-32).
 - 3. Unsaved could love (Lu. 11:43).
- IV.** Christ defines a new standard of love (Jn. 13:34).
 - 1. A divine standard.
 - 2. A standard with one degree.
- V.** Jesus illustrates this new type of love (Jn. 13:2-20).
 - 1. This activity is highly symbolic (15:7).
 - 2. Love is self-sacrificial (v. 5).
 - 3. There is equality in the Body (v. 14).
 - 4. There is a responsibility to other members, other-centered.
 - 5. There is no task too menial.
- VI.** Love is not earned (Jn. 3:16).
 - 1. At initial salvation the Holy Spirit pours out God's quality of love in our new heart (Rom. 5:5).
 - 2. At initial salvation God gives us the ability to use this love (1Jn. 4:19).