

Spirit Filling, part 10

The Fruit from the Spirit

- I.** The Fruit from the Spirit, the facet of love (Gal. 5:22).
 - 1. **Love** is the delight in the spiritual welfare of the one loved, even to the point of self-sacrifice.
 - 2. It is supernatural, not emotional, not earned.
 - 3. A result of the mind and will.
 - 4. Produces action.
- II.** The New Commandment (Jn. 13:34).
 - 1. A new standard—Christ, not men (*cf.* Mt. 22:36-40).
 - 2. New in quality/fresh (1 Cor. 11:25).
 - 3. New in time/resent (Heb. 12:24).
- III.** The New Commandment is **NOT** a modification, or refinement of the Ten Commandments.
 - 1. The Ten Commandments were part of the Law (Duet. 7:11).
 - 2. The Law was a covenant, testament, special promise to the Nation Israel (Duet. 4:1, 13-14).
 - 3. The Law became the Old Testament when there was a New Testament (2 Cor. 3:14, 6).
 - 4. The Law is a rational structure for a civil society (Rom. 7:14).
 - 5. Even Gentiles, who were outside the Law, constructed similar rules (Rom. 2:14).
- IV.** “Even in the manner that I have loved you all.” Jesus illustrates this new type of love (Jn. 13:2-20).
 - 1. This activity is highly symbolic (15:7, 15).
 - 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.
- V.** 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).