

Spirit Filling, part 11

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. “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.

IV. This type of 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).

V. This type of love produces action.

1. The Father’s love.
 - 1) To the world (Jn. 3:16).
 - 2) To Christian’s who give unto Him (2 Cor. 9:6-8).
 - 3) To carnal Christians (Heb. 12:5-11).
2. The saints’ love (1 Jn. 3:18).