

Spirit Filling, part 12

The Fruit from the Spirit

- I.** The Fruit from the Spirit, the facet of love (Gal. 5:22).
 - 1. The unique meaning of “love” after John 13:34
 - 2. **Love** is the delight in the spiritual welfare of the one loved, which results in action, even to the point of self-sacrifice.
 - 3. Divine enabling, supernatural.
 - 4. New in quality commandment—fresh in nature.
 - 1) New standard—Christ Himself, by His example in washing the disciples’ feet (Jn. 13:2-20).
 - 2) New ability after the Holy Spirit was sent to earth.
 - 3) God’s quality of love, *as to character and quality*—**not** “Love is God” (1 Jn. 4:8, 16).

- II.** This type of love is not earned, nor needs reward from the one(s) loved (Jn. 3:16).
 - 1. The ability to love begins when the Holy Spirit indwells the believer at salvation (Rom. 5:5; 8:9).
 - 2. As a member of the family of God, we are instructed to use this type of love (1 Jn. 4:7 *cf.* v. 19).
 - 1) To benefit other Christians.
 - 2) To experientially know God.
 - 3. God’s quality of love produces action.
 - 1) To the world (Jn. 3:16 *cf.* 1 Jn. 3:15).
 - 2) To Christians who give unto Him (2 Cor. 9:6-8; Phil. 4:18).
 - 3) To those in the family of God who need child-training (Heb. 12:5-11).
 - i. Discipline initiated by Christ as Head of the Body (Rom. 8:34; 1 Cor. 11:32; Heb. 7:25).
 - ii. Family offence that causes the Holy Spirit to grieve (Eph. 4:30).
 - iii. Distinguishing between discipline and trials.