

## **Spirit Filling, part 14**

### The Fruit from the Spirit

- I.** Love's new definition and meaning in the New Testament.
  - 1. **Love** is the supernatural ability given from the Holy Spirit to the spiritual Christian to desire the spiritual welfare of the one loved, even to the point of self-sacrifice (Gal. 5:22).
  - 2. New standard, new source, new ability (Jn. 13:34).
  
- II.** Love does not enable, acquiesce, or overlook unrighteousness in the Family of God.
  - 1. The Father disciplines His Children (Heb. 12:5-11).
  - 2. The local church is to discipline unrighteous life-styles (1 Cor. 5:13).
    - 1) Of its members.
    - 2) Not those that are without the flock.
  - 3. "Association brings on assimilation" (1 Cor. 5:9-10).
  
- III.** The characteristics of a Christian using love (1 Cor. 13:4-8, 13); than one:
  - 1. Is longsuffering, another facet of the Fruit from the Spirit.
    - 1) Regardless of interference by people (1 Pet. 3:20).
    - 2) Stays focused on the one loved (1 Tim. 1:16).
  - 2. Is kind, gentle, another facet of the Fruit from the Spirit.
    - 1) Gentleness (Tit. 3:4).
    - 2) Unwarranted, not earned.
  - 3. Is not zealous, out trying to "out do" others.
  - 4. Does not brag about itself, not looking for acclaim.
  - 5. Is not puffed-up.
    - 1) Does not think that using love makes you better than the one loved.
    - 2) Does not forget the source of the love: "not out of you" (cf. 2 Cor. 3:5; 4:7).
  - 6. Does not act unbecoming—contrary to Scripture.
  - 7. Does not seek things for one's self.
    - 1) The reward is in pleasing God.

- 2) Not from men.
8. Is not easily exasperated.
9. Does not “keep score” of that which is lacking in character.
10. Does not rejoice in unrighteousness.
11. But, rejoices in The Truth.
  - 1) The Truth regarding the one loved.
  - 2) The body of doctrine to overcome the sin nature (Jn. 8:32; Tit. 1:4).
12. Covers/preserves all things, as described.
13. Believes all things that are true, another part of the Fruit.
14. Hopes all things (that are promised regarding the situation(s)).
15. Is patient regarding all circumstances that might thwart the mission.
16. Never falls short of the goal.
17. Love is the greatest, when compared to hope and faith.