

Spirit Filling, part 15

The Fruit from the Spirit

- I.** The facet of love can be misdirected, if only temporarily.
 - 1. The Holy Spirit never enables a Christian contrary to Scripture.
 - 2. **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).
- II.** The divine quality of love is not to be directed to the unsaved.
 - 1. The unsaved cannot experience spiritual growth (1 Cor. 2:14).
 - 2. Jesus symbolically showed the difference in ministry to the saved and unsaved (Jn. 13:10-11).
 - 3. Jesus grammatically stated that the New Commandment is among believers (Jn. 13:35; 15:12; 1 Jn. 2:10; 3:11, 16, 23; 4:7, 11, 21).
 - 4. “know”, 3rd person plural among themselves.
 - 5. Reciprocal pronoun—to each other.
 - 6. Christians cannot lack love for other Christians and be loving God (1 Jn. 3:14).
- III.** Christians are not to love the world system (1 Jn. 2:15, 19, 26).
 - 1. Its values, its systems, its people.
 - 2. This does not exclude the possibility of a fondness for their welfare.
 - 3. Christians are hated by the world’s people (Jn. 15:18-20; 1 Jn. 3:13).
 - 4. Making Christians a priority is how we overcome the world (1 Jn. 4:7; Jn. 16:33). Knowing the difference.
 - 5. A Christian should never consider themselves in a friendly relationship with the world. (Jam. 4:4).
- IV.** Christians may “use but not abuse” the world system (1 Cor. 7:31).