

LESSON 13
THE HOLY SPIRIT - Part III

1. No study of the Holy Spirit is complete without a look at THE FRUIT of the Spirit which is found in Galatians 5:22 and 23.
2. The FRUIT of the Spirit is SINGULAR. Galatians 5:22a
3. The fruit of the Spirit is QUALITY of CHRISTIAN CHARACTER.
4. JESUS provided the great example of the fruit of the Spirit in that He possessed ALL of the qualities spoken of in GALATIANS 5:22.
5. A person cannot bear the fruit of the Spirit in his or her own STRENGTH, ACTIVITY or GOODNESS. The fruit of the Spirit comes by YIELDING to the Spirit.
6. Galatians 5:22 does not say that the fruit of OUR OWN EFFORT is love, joy, etc., but that these things are the fruit of the Spirit.
7. When we are controlled by the Spirit, we have ALL the fruit. If, therefore, throughout the day we are lacking peace and joy or any of the fruit, we know we are not FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT.
8. Ephesians 5:18 gives us a CLUE to the proper DEFINITION of the Spirit's filling.
9. The clue is found in the COMPARISON between BEING DRUNK and being filled. It is a matter of CONTROL.
 - a. A person who is drunk THINKS AND ACTS in ways normally UNNATURAL to him.
 - b. A person who is filled by the Spirit also acts in ways UNNATURAL to him or her.
 - c. This does not mean we behave ERRATICALLY but rather that we do not do the things that BELONG to our old life.
10. The filling of the Spirit is not an OPTION, it is a COMMAND, an IMPERATIVE.
Ephesians 5:18b
11. The baptism of the Spirit is a ONE TIME thing. The filling of the Spirit is REPEATABLE.
12. The tense of the verb "filled" in Ephesians 5:18 means, "KEEP ON BEING FILLED."
13. The apostles were filled with the Spirit on the DAY OF PENTECOST in Acts 2:4 and were FILLED AGAIN in Acts 4:31.
14. As believers we are to WALK IN the Spirit or LIVE IN the Spirit. Galatians 5:16a

15. When a believer is walking in or living in the Spirit, he will not FULFILL the desires of the FLESH. Galatians 5:16b
16. Believers are to be LED OR DIRECTED by the Spirit. Romans 5:14
17. The PRIMARY way for the Spirit to lead us is by the WORD OF GOD as He ILLUMINATES TO US the things God wants us to know.
18. It is by the POWER OF THE SPIRIT that we UNDERSTAND ALL TRUTH. Galatians 3:2, John 3:6&7

The Bible Contains Similitudes (Resemblance, Likeness, Image).

A. The Bible is a Book of similes, metaphors, allegories, parables, types, symbols and emblems. To better understand Scripture, we must understand these similitudes:

- SIMILE is a figure of speech in which one thing is compared to another.
(example - Psalm 102:6)
- A METAPHOR is a figure of speech in which one thing is called another.
(example - John 1:29)
 - An ALLEGORY is a prolonged metaphor.
(example - Judges 9:1-21)
 - A PARABLE is a truth illustrated by a factual story -
an earthly story with a heavenly meaning.
(example - Matthew 13 where you find seven parables of Jesus)
- A TYPE is an object or event used to prefigure another object or event.
(example - John 3:14)
- An EMBLEM is a visible sign of an idea; an object symbolizing another object or idea.
(example - Luke 3:22)
 - A SYMBOL is a thing or act representing something spiritual.
(example - Genesis 9:12-13)

B. With these words in mind, we are better able to understand the Word of God as we discuss the “emblems” of the Holy Spirit.

The following are EMBLEMS of the Holy Spirit:

A. THE DOVE Matthew 3:16; Luke 3:22; John 1:32

Special Notation

God chose the dove as an emblem of the Holy Spirit because the dove is a symbol of peace or freedom from judgment. Genesis 8:8-12 God chose the dove to signify that Jesus would bring salvation (freedom from judgment) to all who would turn to Him. The dove also fulfilled prophesy. Isaiah 11:2; 42:1; 59:21; 61:1 The dove is also a symbol of innocence and purity. Matthew 10:16

B. **THE ANOINTING OIL** Exodus 29:20&21; Acts 10:38; 2 Corinthians 1:21&22

Special Notation

The application of oil to the ear, thumb, and big toe had this significance: that the priest hear God's word, that his actions were to be done with holy hands and that he was to walk in the ways of God.

C. **THE WIND** John 3:8; Acts 2:2

D. **THE FIRE** Acts 2:3 & 4

Special Notation

Fire purifies, consumes, illuminates and energizes. The Holy Spirit convicts of sin that our hearts might be pure. He controls us as we allow Him to so that our lives are "consumed" or given over to His leadership. The Spirit allows us to see the light of understanding as we study God's Word. He gives us the spiritual energy and power to share Christ with the lost.

E. **CLOTHING** Judges 6:34; 2 Chronicles 24:20 (to "come upon" means to be clothed with); Luke 24:49 (endued "to put on") or to be clothed.

F. **THE SEAL** 2 Corinthians 1:21&22; Ephesians 1:13; 4:30

G. **THE EARNEST, DEPOSIT, OR GUARANTEE** Three times in the New Testament the Holy Spirit is referred to as the earnest that God gives to the saints. (Earnest, remember, means down payment.) 2 Corinthians 1:22 (KJV); 5:5; and Ephesians 1:14

* A study of the gifts of the Spirit would be extremely lengthy but very beneficial. As a believer you have been given one or more of the spiritual gifts. All are equally important and have been given to edify (build up) the body of Christ. The discussion and teaching on this subject alone could easily last three or more months. Given our desire to teach all the basic doctrines of scripture in a year, we cannot spend additional time dealing with the various gifts. You will find them all listed in Romans 12, in 1 Corinthians 12 and Ephesians 4.

Because of a special emphasis on the gift of tongues in the church today, I would recommend to you a four tape set by Reverend George Gardiner which you will find in our church library or which can be obtained from me personally, and/or a series of tapes by John McArthur also located in the church library.