
“The POWER, Purpose and Presence of the Holy Spirit” Pt. 3

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Goals of this series:

- To gain better insight into the role and function of the Holy Spirit
- To learn how to apply the Holy Spirit in our DAILY walk with God

Review: Part 2 on the Holy Spirit:

- One of the primary roles of the Holy Spirit is to **HELP** us!
- Without the Holy Spirit it is **IMPOSSIBLE** to connect with God/Christ
- Our **RELATIONSHIP** with Christ is **BASED** on the Holy Spirit's help!

Today's Study:

What is the WORK/duty of the Holy Spirit?

- To help believers produce “good fruit”
- Matthew 7:15-19 Jesus on True vs. False Prophets
- The **ONLY** way you can tell a true vs false prophet is by the **FRUIT** that they bear! (vs. 16)
- Matthew 7:21-23 Jesus on True vs. False **BELIEVERS**
- Saying “Lord, Lord” doesn't guarantee access into the Kingdom! **OBEDIENCE** grants access to the kingdom! (vs. 21)
- Many will **LOOK THE PART** but won't get in! (vs. 22-23)

Spiritual Fruit vs. Spiritual Gifts

- The Holy Spirit gives us **BOTH**. Fruit is **CHARACTER**. Gifts help build the church!
- But **SPIRITUAL** fruit must be developed so that the gifts are used properly!

Galatians 5:22-24: Spiritual Fruit List

- Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control
- The Holy Spirit works to develop **ALL** of these in us!
- Salvation is about the Holy Spirit **SHAPING** us into the image of Christ!
- If there is no **DEVELOPMENT** of fruit in your life you can't look like Christ!
- No development of fruit means we **MISREPRESENT** Christ!

Self Assessment:

- The fruit of the Spirit: Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control
- Which ones are **YOU** good with? Need to work on?
- Which ones are **CHURCHES** good with? Need to work on?

Key Thoughts:

- **Not only should individuals BUT CHURCHES** should be known for the presence of spiritual **FRUIT!**
- **1 Thessalonians 1:2-3:** We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. **3** We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.
- Visitors of churches want to see the **FRUIT** of the Spirit **BEFORE** they see the **GIFTS** of the Spirit!
- **ALL** Research Studies suggest that the **#1** thing visitors want when they first visit a church is a **WELCOMING EXPERIENCE**
- “It doesn’t matter how great the church service is, if a guest is made to feel unwelcome, there’s a high probability they won’t return.”
- In a culture of division in our country the church needs **FRUIT** more than ever!
- Spiritual **FRUIT** cuts across **ALL** lines (racial, political, economic, etc.)
- The **GREATEST** evangelistic tool for the church is for people to experience the **LOVE** of **JESUS CHRIST!**

Conclusion:

- The Spirit of the Lord is where the **FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT** is evident!
- The Holy Spirit should be evident in **ME** and in **GOD’S HOUSE**
- The Holy Spirit is at work when we look **MOST** like Christ! We must **PRODUCE** fruit!



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