

# HOLY SPIRIT - IV

"Fruit of the Spirit"

Gal. 5:22-23

## I. FRUIT IF MANIFESTATION OF A PERSON'S NATURE

- A. Satan cannot imitate or reproduce fruit of Spirit because not his nature
  - 1. Not his nature to love, to bring joy
  - 2. There is no goodness in him
  - 3. Every good gift comes from above
  - 4. He is the author of confusion
  - 5. But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated...
- B. To produce fruit of the Spirit must have changed nature
  - 1. We are made partakers of His divine nature
  - 2. Should be natural for Spirit-filled believers to produce fruit of Spirit
  - 3. Granted, there are some who have propensity to good nature
- C. Fruit of the Spirit
  - 1. Love, joy, peace
  - 2. Longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance
- D. Know by fruit they bear

## II. GOD DESIRES THAT WE SHOULD BE FRUITFUL

- A. I am the vine, you are the branches
- B. Cannot produce fruit unless you abide in the vine
- C. he that beareth not fruit, is taken away
- D. Every branch that beareth fruit
  - 1. He purges to bring forth more fruit
  - 2. He that abideth in me and I in him brings forth much fruit
  - 3. Herein is my Father glorified that you bear much fruit
  - 4. I have chosen you and ordained you that ye should go and bring forth fruit and that your fruit should remain

## III. THE FRUIT OF LOVE

- A. Love is the nature of God; should be natural for Spirit-filled believer to love
- B. As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you
- C. If you keep my commandment, ye shall abide in my love...
- D. A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another
  - 1. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one toward another
  - 2. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends

## IV. THE FRUIT OF JOY

- A. The joy of the Lord is not worked up, but comes from inner self (not external)
- B. And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Ghost
  - 1. These things have I spoken unto you that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full
  - 2. Ask and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full
- C. Joy comes from the Lord - "*Give us oil of joy for spirit of mourning.*"
- D. How to get joy
  - 1. Is. 29:19 - "*Meek shall increase their joy.*"
  - 2. Be content
  - 3. Being faithful - "*...been faithful over few things...enter thou into the joy of the Lord.*"
  - 4. Less self-centered
- E. Joy in excruciating circumstances
  - 1. Count if all joy when fall into divers temptations
  - 2. The disciples counted it joy to suffer for His name sake
  - 3. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy (persecution for Christ's sake)
  - 4. Though the fig tree shall not blossom...yet I will rejoice
- F. The joy of the Lord is our strength
- G. And your joy no man taketh from you

#### V. THE FRUIT OF PEACE

- A. He is our peace
  - 1. Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you...
  - 2. Now the Lord of peace himself give you peace always by all means
- B. Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ
- C. Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God
- D. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts
  - 1. The storms have ceased
  - 2. There is a calm, tranquility, rest
  - 3. Trust and confidence brings peace
- E. Kingdom of God not meat or drink, but righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost

#### VI. OTHER FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

- A. Longsuffering
- B. Gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness
- C. Temperance

#### VII. WE PRODUCE HIS FRUIT AS BE BECOME MORE LIKE HIM