



“The Holy Spirit -- Who Is He?” Part 2

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I want to continue in this 2nd part on ‘*The Holy Spirit - Who Is He?*’ There are at least 19 different aspects to the person of the Holy Spirit of which we have already covered 10 of them in part one. If you have not read part one please do so now before reading part two. The reason is it would be like trying to build a 2nd story on a vacant lot. I think you would agree that we need to first lay and understand the foundation on this particular topic.

K) He is the one who reproduces the nature and character of God in us.

Galatians 5:22-23

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. KJV



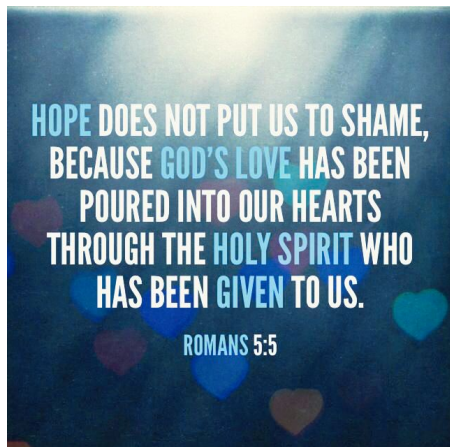
There are 9 different fruits mentioned here in **Galatians 5:22-23**. They all stem from the one major fruit of Love. It simply is the listing of the Holy Spirit’s nature and character. Every born again Christian has these qualities in them the moment they receive Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Some say this is only in seed

form but I would disagree respectively. WHY? Because we are not on our way to being fully saved for **Colossians 2:10** says that '*...You are COMPLETE IN HIM...!*

Now it might only be in seed form in regards to your understanding of what is in you in Christ, but the truth remains that you are complete in Jesus right now and have God's character and nature living in your newly created born again spirit! See yourself this way because it is your true identity in Christ!

L) He is the one who shed abroad or poured out the love of God in our hearts.

Romans 5:5



5 Such hope never disappoints *or* deludes *or* shames us, for **God's love has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit Who has been given to us.** AMP

Our previous point dealt with the nature and character that is now in us through the *Holy Spirit*. While the 9 different qualities stem from the *Fruit of Love* this next point shows us that the love of God has been poured out in our hearts through the person of the Holy Spirit!

When Jesus told us, in the gospels, to *love our enemies and bless them who curse us and do good to those who hate us and pray for them who despitefully use us and persecute us* in **Matthew 5:44**, He was telling them something that must have seemed impossible under the Jewish Law. It took the Pauline revelation of **Romans 5:5** to comprehend that Jesus was NOT telling them to love others in their own strength, but through what would eventually be in them as a result of the new birth!

If you are a Christian then you have within you a supernatural ability to love others who have done you wrong, spoken evil against you, hurt you deeply in some way where in your own natural ability you may want to get

even or take revenge on them. **1 Corinthians 13:4-8** describes what God's love in us looks and acts like.

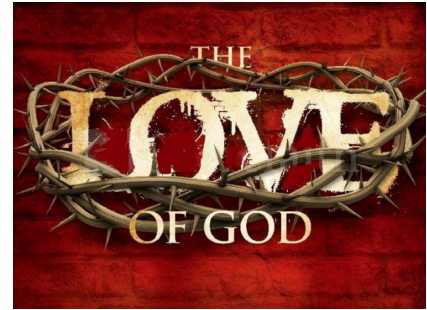
4 Love endures long *and* is patient and kind; love never is envious *nor* boils over with jealousy, is not boastful *or* vainglorious, does not display itself haughtily.

5 It is not conceited (arrogant and inflated with pride); it is not rude (unmannerly) *and* does not act unbecomingly. Love (God's love in us) does not insist on its own rights *or* its own way, *for* it is not self-seeking; it is not touchy *or* fretful *or* resentful; it takes no account of the evil done to it [it pays no attention to a suffered wrong].

6 It does not rejoice at injustice *and* unrighteousness, but rejoices when right *and* truth prevail.

7 Love bears up under anything *and* everything that comes, is ever ready to believe the best of every person, its hopes are fadeless under all circumstances, and it endures everything [without weakening].

8 Love never fails [never fades out or becomes obsolete or comes to an end]. AMP



Here is a key that will unlock the bands that may have held you captive. If you are saying *that I cannot abide by these words*, then I would agree that you could not in your own strength. ***The fact is that we are talking about something that is a part of your inner man in Christ and when you renew your mind and learn to agree with God's Word you will see these things take place no matter what situation you may find yourself!***

M) He is the one who assists us in worshiping God.

John 4:24

24 God *is* a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship *him* in spirit and in truth. KJV

John 16:13-14

13 Howbeit when he, ***the Spirit of truth***, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of

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himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come.

14 **He shall glorify me**: for he shall receive of mine, and shall show *it* unto you.

Ephesians 5:18-20

18 Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, ***be (being) filled with the Holy Spirit,***

19 ***singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, and making music to the Lord in your hearts.***

20 And ***give thanks for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.*** NLT



Someone asked, 'Why does it say less in the New Testament about praise and worship than it does in the Old Testament? Quite simply the answer is that those under the Old Covenant had a good foundation for praising and worshiping God. The main difference is that we who live under this new and better covenant have become the house or tabernacle that God now lives within!

In the Old Testament they would worship and praise God based on their outward circumstances. When we worship, as New Testament believers, our worship comes from within our spirits and is expressed through our body and emotions with the help of the Holy Spirit. That is a huge difference!

N) He is the one who reproves, convinces, and convicts the world of sin.

John 8:9

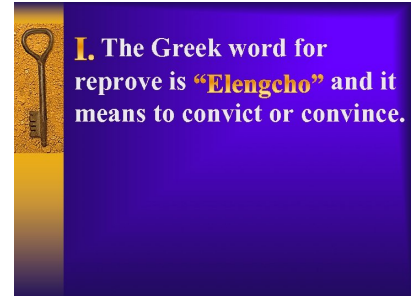
9 And they which heard *it, **being convicted by their own conscience,*** went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, *even* unto the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst. KJV

John 16:8

8 And **when he**(The Holy Spirit) **is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:** KJV

1 Corinthians 14:24

24 But if all prophesy, and an unbeliever or an uninformed person comes in, **he is convinced by all, he is convicted by all.** NKJV



I encourage you to read chapter's 14, 15 & 16 in my first book, ***Discover The Life You Were Born To Live...called, 'The Condemnation Crisis; The Condemnation Cure and Absolute Victory!*** There you will discover what it means for the Holy Spirit to *Reprove, Convict or Convince*. Here's the [link to order this book today!](#)

O) He is the one who assists us in prayer when we know not what to pray for.

Romans 8:26

26 Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For ***we do not know what we should pray for*** as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for(Lit. through) us with groanings which cannot be uttered. NKJV

This is one of the greatest things the Holy Spirit does in helping us. Prayer is communing and fellowshiping with God in it's simplest meaning. Yet there are times when we have a sense that we need to pray and experience the infirmity or weakness of not knowing **WHAT** we should pray for! We know the **HOW TO** of prayer, according to **John 16:24**, prayer should be to the Father in the name of Jesus. It's the **Content or the What** that limits us. This is where the Holy Spirit comes to help and where praying in other tongues can assist us. It's the groaning that cannot be spoken in an articulate speech.



My grandfather on Mom's side was a wonderful man. He was a church organist in the Episcopal church for 35 years. Yet he was never born again until 1977 at a Christmas Crusade in Long Island. When I had graduated from Bible school in 1981 I had such a zeal for the things of God and wanted my grandfather to receive the baptism with the Holy Spirit with the initial evidence of speaking in tongues. It was very difficult because of his religious upbringing.

One day I asked him, *'Have you ever awoke in the middle of the night and had a sense that you needed to pray but did not know WHAT to Say or Pray?'* He told me that it happened quite often. So I asked him what he would do when that would occurred? He said, *'I ask Jesus to come into my heart!'* I said, *'Gramps, Jesus already lives in your heart! This is where speaking in tongues comes in to help you pray!'* Eventually grandpa did receive the baptism and was gloriously filled with the Holy Ghost speaking in tongues!

Perhaps you or someone you know has had a similar struggle either understanding or receiving this divine experience. Don't resist but rather yield to the Holy Spirit and your life will go to new heights in your relationship with the Lord!

P) He is the one who reproduces the kingdom of God in our lives which is righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost!

Romans 14:17

17 For ***the kingdom of God*** is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. KJV

Jesus said in **Luke 17:21**, '...for, behold, ***the***

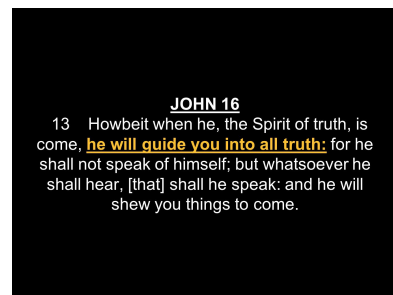


kingdom of God is within you. The Kingdom of God is God's government that has been set up in the hearts of men on the earth. This is why we confess Jesus as Lord and believe in our hearts that God has raised Him from the dead, **Romans 10:9**. When we receive the Lord Jesus Christ in our hearts we are in essence receiving the government or Kingdom of God which is ***Righteousness, Peace and Joy in the Holy Ghost!***

Q) He is the one who Jesus said would take the “all things” that belong to Jesus and “SHEW” them unto you and me!

John 16:15

15 All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that ***he shall take of mine, and shall show it unto you.*** KJV



What an amazing statement from the lips of Jesus! ***ALL THINGS that His Father has are MINE!*** These are the things that the Holy Spirit will show us! *We need to have and live with this type of expectation everyday that the Holy Spirit will reveal things pertaining to our Heavenly Father and His Kingdom to us!*

R) He is the one who seals us unto the day of redemption.

Ephesians 1:13

13 In whom ye also *trusted*, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were **sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise**, KJV

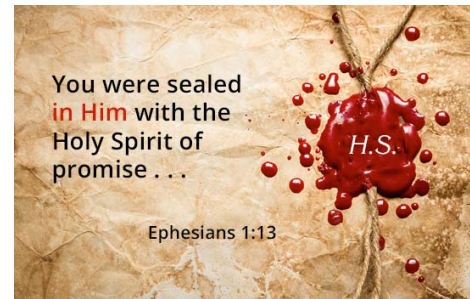
Ephesians 4:30

30 And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, **whereby ye are sealed** unto the day of redemption. KJV

2 Corinthians 1:22

22 Who hath also **sealed us**, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts. KJV

I had an older friend named Dawe S. Chalk. He lived into his late 90's. When I met him he was a spry 86 year old. He and I spent quite a bit of time together as I would stop by his house on my way home from work to check on him. He would have dinner in the oven and would plan on my stopping by to have dinner with him. In one of our conversations we got to talking the work of the Holy Spirit sealing us as the scriptures above state. Years ago when a King would send a letter it was sealed with hot wax and the insignia ring of the King that would tell anyone that this letter cannot be opened by anyone except the person it was written. The penalties for anyone breaking the seal were severe.



Dawe said something to me that I have never forgotten. ***‘If the seal of a King cannot be broken, how much more then can the seal of redemption by the Holy Spirit NOT be broken!’*** This is something worth meditating upon because your salvation is secure and sealed by God’s Holy Spirit!

S) He is the one who is the ‘Surety’ of our inheritance in Christ!

Ephesians 1:14

14 Which is the **earnest of our inheritance** until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory. KJV

14 The Spirit is **the first payment that guarantees we will get all that God has for us.** Then we will enjoy complete freedom as people who belong to him. The goal for all of us is the praise of God in all his glory. ERV

14 **That [Spirit] is the guarantee of our inheritance** [the firstfruits, the pledge and foretaste, the down payment on our heritage], in anticipation of



its full redemption *and* our acquiring [complete] possession of it-to the praise of His glory. AMP

The term '*Surety*' has the meaning of *a down payment that guarantee's the rest will surely come!* We have an inheritance that belongs to us in Christ.

While it is true that Jesus said that He came to *give us life more abundantly* in **John 10:10b**, there is a whole bunch more that awaits us in eternity. What we have on this side of heaven is just a down payment and what a down payment it is!

Many years ago when the British monarchy was trying to control the British isles and the Church of England was the set religious church of that time. There arose a group of believer's who were referred to as the ***Covenanter's***. They believed beyond what the Church of England taught and were serious about their faith and what God through Christ had done for them.

The story is told of a young woman who was on her way to a secret meeting, because it was illegal for any other religious group to hold gatherings. She was stopped by a British soldier who began to interrogate her. '*Where are you going?*' He asked! This young lady did not want to lie but knew she could be in big trouble as would the group of believers. So inwardly she asked God to give her wisdom.

This is what she said, '*My elder brother has died and I am on my way to be with my family in order hear the reading of my elder brother's last will and testament!*' The British soldier upon hearing this said, '*You may pass!*' She did not lie because her elder brother was JESUS and she was on her way to meet her brothers and sisters in Christ for the reading of His last will and testament as found in the Bible...***WE HAVE AN INHERITANCE!***

CONCLUSION

I trust these 19 different attributes of the person of the Holy Spirit, as found in both Parts One and Two has been enlightening to you and that you now have a greater understanding of who He is and what He can do in your life.