

Lesson 5
The Fruit of the Spirit
(The Outworking of God's In-working)

I. In Christ, You are a New Creation

- A. You are a new creation in your spirit - 2 Cor. 5:17
- B. You are one spirit with Him - 1 Cor. 6:17
- C. Your new man was created in true righteousness and holiness – Eph. 4:24
- D. You are complete, nothing needs to be added – Col. 2:10
- E. You have been blessed with every spiritual blessing in Christ and have all things that pertain to life and godliness – Eph. 1:3; 2 Pt. 1:2-3
- F. You must recognize that all good things that are in you, God worked in you based on what Jesus did – Heb. 13:20-21
- G. You must acknowledge every good thing which **IS** in you in Christ – Philemon 1:6
- H. By acknowledging what God **HAS DONE** in you, by faith, you must now work out the salvation that God has already worked in you. - Philip. 2:12-13

II. The Fruit of the Spirit

- A. Gal. 5:22-23 – It is the Fruit of the Spirit, not a work of the flesh
- B. 1 Cor. 13:4-8 – Your spirit possesses all of these qualities or outworkings of love. This is also how God deals with us.
- C. Gal. 3:1-5 – You can't produce the Fruit of the Spirit by the efforts of the flesh. You received the Spirit by the hearing of faith and you received the Spirit's fruit the same way.

Foundations of Grace

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- C. Since God doesn't change (Heb. 13:8), and now that you have been joined to the Lord and are now one spirit with Him, you have the fruit of the Spirit in your joined-to-the-Lord-spirit. Therefore the Fruit of the Spirit is constant and doesn't fluctuate in your spirit.
- D. The fluctuation takes place in your soul. It depends on whether or not we will acknowledge what **IS** in us in Christ (renewing our mind) and choose to live out of our spirit (working out what God has worked in) or ignore what is in us in Christ and live according to our soulish emotions, fleshly desires, etc.

III. Living in the Spirit – Working Out What God Worked In

- A. Recognize that you already have God's nature, not that you have to get God's nature. Philemon 1:6; 2 Pet. 1:2-4
- B. Renew your mind as to who God says you are in His Word and agree with Him and by faith choose to respond accordingly. Rom. 12:1-2; 1 Cor. 6:11; Gal. 5:25
 - Your born-again spirit doesn't want to sin – it's holy and it wants to live according to its nature
- C. Separate yourself from the influence of the world – 2 Cor. 7:1; 2 Pet. 2:7-8; Col. 3:1-11
 - What you allow to influence you will either edify you or bring destruction to your life. Rom. 8:5-6, 12-13
 - Sin won't cause you to lose your salvation, but it will cause your heart to become hard toward God. Heb. 3:13; Rom. 6:16
 - Abiding in Christ or presenting yourself to God will produce the fruit or outworking of holiness and righteousness. Jn. 15:4; Rom. 6:19,21-22; 1 Jn. 3:7
- D. Draw on the Holy Spirit – You have the mind of Christ
 - Praying in tongues and interpretation – 1 Corinthians 14:1-4, 14
 - The Word and the Spirit agree perfectly – Jude 20, 21