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The Work of God the Holy Spirit



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Ask God to illuminate your mind and your heart in this study.

This study has four parts. The first deals with the Holy Spirit as a seal. Receiving the Holy Spirit confirms that we are God's children. The second part of the study describes the fruit of the Spirit. This fruit is the character of the Lord Jesus Christ which the Holy Spirit produces in us. The third part explains how the Holy Spirit in us gives us the power to witness to Christ. The fourth part tells us of the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

PART 1

THE SEAL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

God confirms our eternal salvation with the seal of the presence of His Holy Spirit when we believe in Christ. The presence of the Holy Spirit is called a "seal" because it confirms and guarantees that we are children of God and coheirs with the Lord Jesus Christ. (John 7:37-39, Romans 8:9-17, 2 Corinthians 1:21-22)

"And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance." (Ephesians 1:13-14)

5. Besides the fruit of the Spirit, what else does the Holy Spirit give us power to do, according to Acts 1:8?
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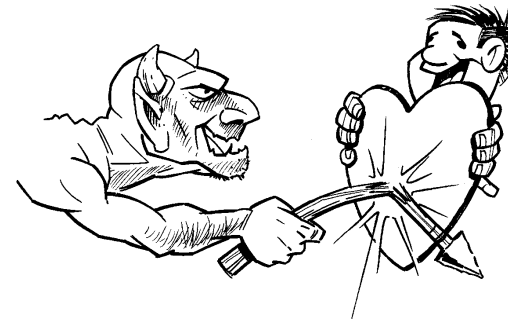
PRACTICAL WORK

- Pray for the new disciples, that they may be filled with the Holy Spirit and cultivate the fruit of the Spirit each day.
- Teach your congregation about the work of the Holy Spirit.
- Help each Christian select some aspect of the fruit of the Holy Spirit which they should improve in their lives, with prayer and self-discipline.
- Explain to your congregation about the power of the Holy Spirit to witness.
- Explain the different gifts, and help the members to look for and discover them, and carry out their respective ministries. One way of discovering our gifts is to work in different areas of ministry, and see where God uses us most.
- Explain the purpose of signs; in confirming the message of the Gospel of the Kingdom of God.

SUMMARY TEST

Mark the right answers.

1. The Holy Spirit lives in:
☐ all who believe in the Lord Jesus.
☐ only pastors and stronger Christians.
2. The Holy Spirit confirms that we are sons of God. He is:
☐ a seal on those who belong to God.
☐ our reason to criticize weaker believers.
3. The Holy Spirit seals us as God's property. He unites us with:
☐ every human being.
☐ the Lord Jesus.
4. United with Christ by the Holy Spirit, we begin to grow in our relationship with God. This sanctification is seen in:
☐ the fruit of the Spirit (love, joy, peace, etc.).
☐ pleasant but temporary emotions.



**Sealed by
the Holy Spirit**

In the Old Testament, men of God were often filled by the Holy Spirit for special tasks (for example Exodus 31:3). In the New Testament, during the feast of Pentecost in Acts 2, He came as the permanent “COMFORTER.” Jesus Christ, only a few days earlier, had ascended to heaven, and had promised to send the Comforter to accompany us and live in us FOREVER. (John 14:15-17) The Comforter strengthens us, and helps us to pray.

The SEAL of the Holy Spirit has several aspects which we will study in the next few pages.

Mark the following passages when you have read them:

- ☐ John 14:15-21.
- ☐ John 15:26-27.
- ☐ John 16:1-16.
- ☐ Acts 19:1-7.
- ☐ Galatians 5:21-26 and Galatians 6:8.

THE HOLY SPIRIT UNITES US WITH THE BODY OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

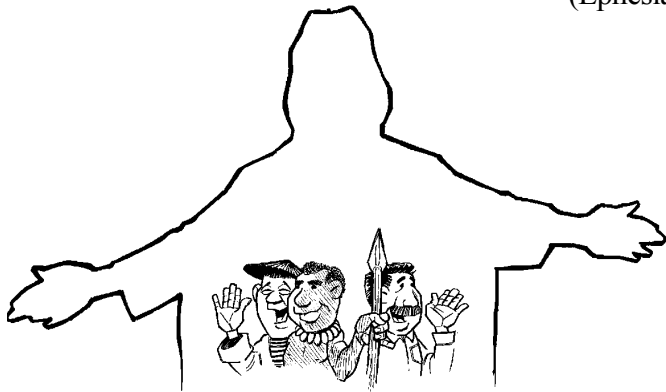
God the Father unites us with Christ through the Holy Spirit:

“The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.”

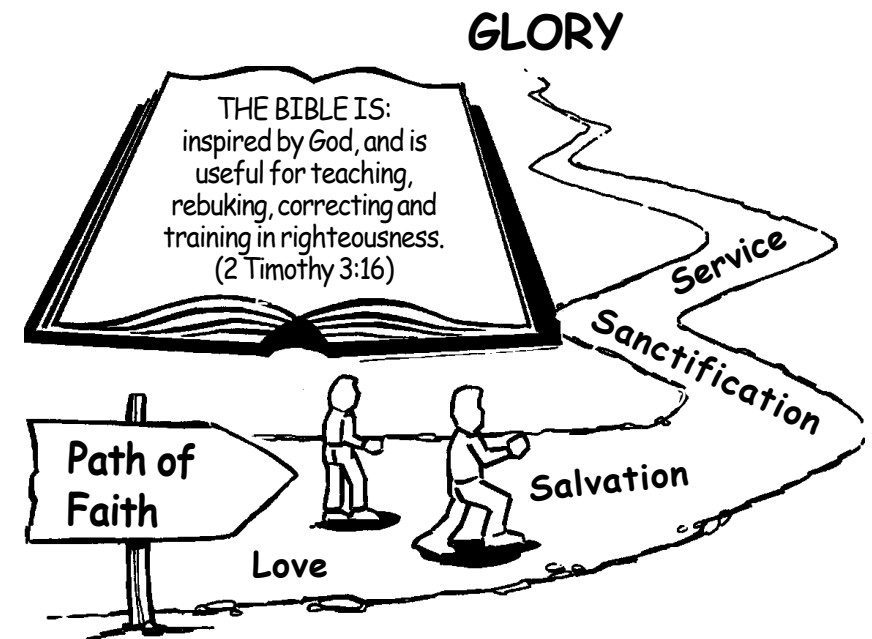
(1 Corinthians 12:12-13)

“This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, sharing together in the promise of Christ Jesus.”

(Ephesians 3:6)



BELIEVERS IN CHRIST FROM ALL RACES



“The righteous will live by faith.”

(Romans 1:17)

“...faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.”

(Romans 10:17)

Through this faith we can do great things for God. (Mark 11:23-24)

As you finish this study, glorify God for the marvelous gift of our Lord Jesus Christ Himself. (2 Corinthians 9:15)

“Many will say to me on that day: “Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and performed many miracles?” Then I will tell them plainly: “I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers.” (Matthew 7:22-23)

The fact that Satan imitates signs does not keep us from praying for the sick, casting out demons or using any other marvelous gift that God gives us.

We can tell whether the signs are from God if those who do them live holy lives and do good works (Matthew 7:15-20), and if they faithfully preach the message of the Bible. (Deuteronomy 13:1-4)

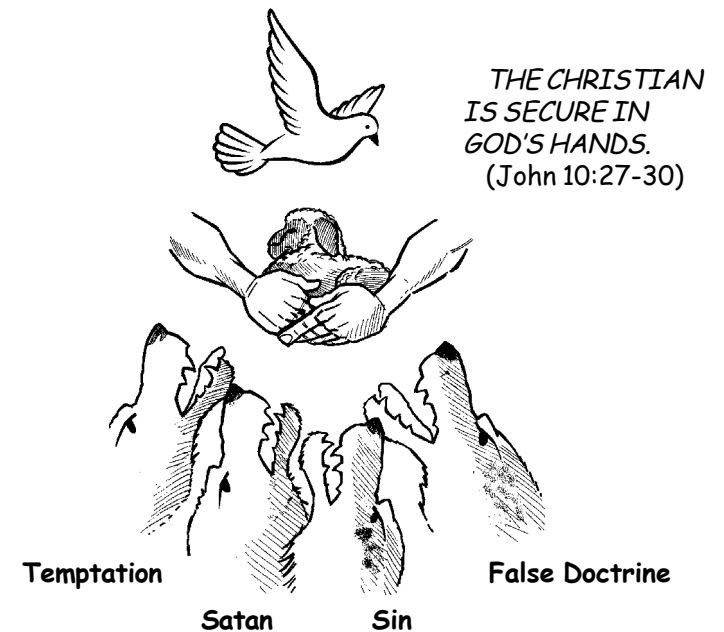
THE BIBLE IS GOD’S COMPLETE REVELATION, INSPIRED BY HIS SPIRIT

The Word of God is completely sufficient for us to understand what God is like, and how to serve Him. We should test every doctrine and practice, by the Bible. (Isaiah 8:20)

God commands us to walk by faith, trusting in the promises of His Word. (Hebrews 11:6)

THE HOLY SPIRIT ASSURES US OF ETERNAL SALVATION

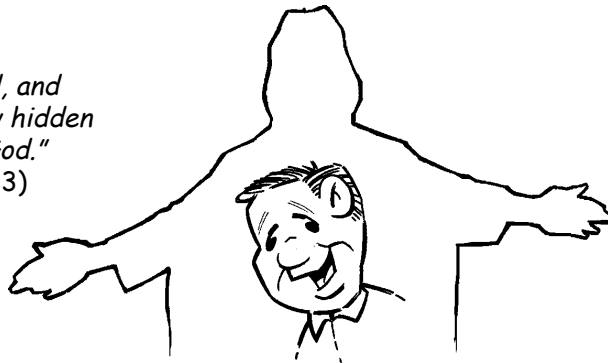
- GOD THE FATHER chose us as adopted sons before the foundation of the world. (Ephesians 1:4-5)
- GOD THE SON won eternal redemption for us by His death and resurrection. (Luke 24:46-47, John 10:11-15)
- GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT now makes this redemption real in us. (Romans 8:14-16, Romans 27-30)



THE HOLY SPIRIT UNITES US WITH CHRIST

The Holy Spirit unites all believers with Christ in one body. This is the “universal church.” Baptism in water is a confirmation of our spiritual union with Christ and His people. (Romans 6:1-14)
(See “1 Baptizing New Believers.”)

*"For you died, and
your life is now hidden
with Christ in God."
(Colossians 3:3)*



I baptize you in
the name of the
Father and of the
Son and of the
Holy Spirit.



"...This salvation, which was first announced by the Lord, was confirmed to us by those who heard him. God also testified to it by various signs, wonders and various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will." (Hebrews 2:3-4)

During His ministry, the Lord Jesus commanded His disciples to perform signs in His name. These confirmed the Gospel. *"As you go, preach this message: 'The kingdom of heaven is near,' Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give."*
(Matthew 10:7-8)

God confirmed the words of the believers with these signs when they preached the Gospel.

TRUE SIGNS ARE CONFIRMED BY THE BIBLE AND A HOLY LIFE

Sadly, the devil imitates what God does; he does wonders to deceive people. (Exodus 7:10-12, Matthew 24:24)

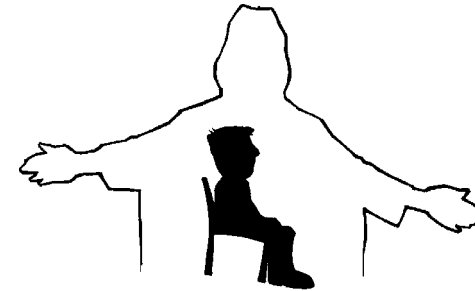
another the ability to speak in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each man, just as he determines.” (1 Corinthians 12:7-11)

- If Christ is in us, we feel His love and compassion for other people. (Matthew 9:36, Romans 12:15, 1 Corinthians 12:26) We help them according to our gifts.
- All the gifts are for the glory and praise of God, the building up of the church and the extension of the Kingdom of God. Let us seek and use the gifts for this purpose. God will not bless us if we attempt to use them selfishly.

THE PURPOSE OF SIGNS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

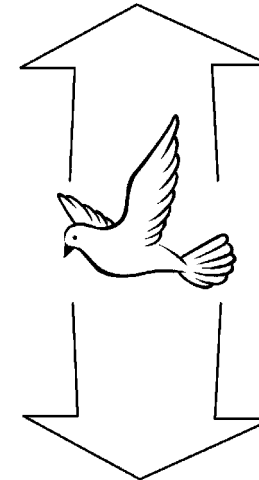
In the New Testament signs were miracles which were to “confirm His Word.” (Mark 16:20) That is to say, they proved that the message of the Gospel was of God. The signs that God gave Moses had the same purpose. (Exodus 4:1-9) The healing miracles of Jesus showed God’s compassion. Also, by casting out demons the Lord showed that the Kingdom of God had come, and that Satan had to flee. (Matthew 11:2-6, Luke 11:20-22, John 10:25 and 37-38)

Baptism is a visible confirmation of the invisible work of the Holy Spirit who unites us with Christ Himself. (Acts 2:38, Acts 19:5-6, Ephesians 2:18)



THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT, WE ARE IN CHRIST IN GLORY.

"... even when we were dead in transgressions... God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus."
(Ephesians 2:5-6)



BECAUSE OF THE SEAL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, GOD IS IN US EVEN ON EARTH.



Jesus said, *"...I am in the Father, and you are in me and I in you."*
(John 14:20)

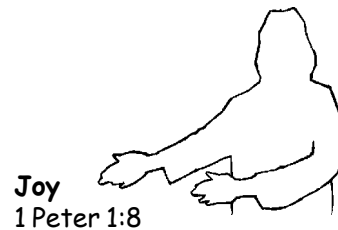
We are seated with Christ in heaven. We do not see the streets of gold nor hear the angel choir yet, because our eyes and ears are still of this earthly body. But through the Holy Spirit we are in God and He is in us. When Christ comes, we will be transformed and clothed in our new, immortal and incorruptible bodies.

(1 Corinthians 15:51-53, 2 Corinthians 5:1-10)

THE HOLY SPIRIT BRINGS MANY SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS

The Holy Spirit confirms we are God's sons, entitled to all spiritual blessings in Christ. (John 1:12, Ephesians 1:5-6)

IN CHRIST WE RECEIVE THE FULLNESS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.



Abundant Life
John 10:10

Pardon
Ephesians 1:7

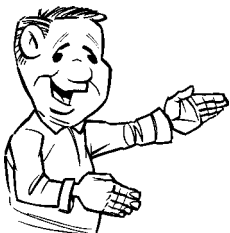
Peace
John 14:27

Sanctification
1 Corinthians 1:30

Eternal Inheritance
Ephesians 1:14

Wisdom
1 Corinthians 1:30

Power
Acts 1:8

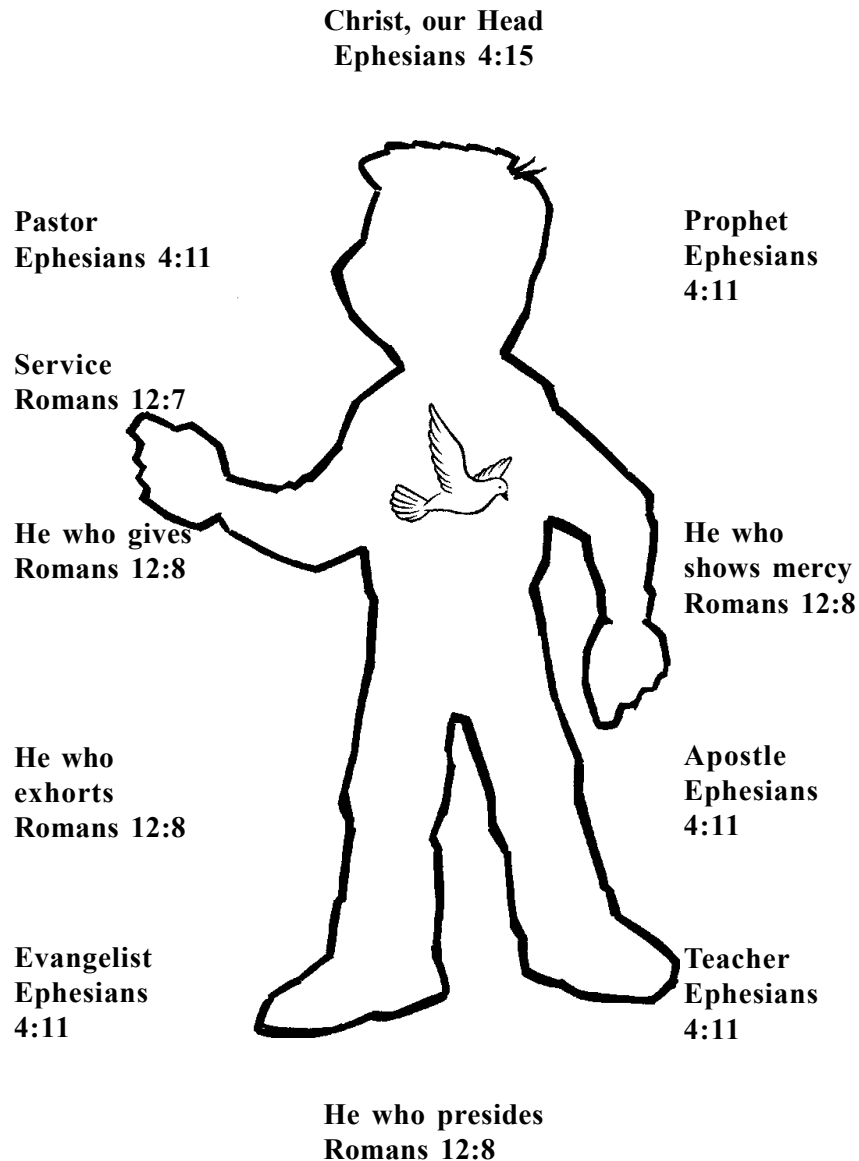


THE DIFFERENT GIFTS

- God gives gifts as He wills, for the building up of a congregation. (1 Corinthians 12:18, Ephesians 4:4-16)
- God gives different gifts to each believer. Not all receive the same gift. The gifts make for the growth and unity of the church, because all cooperate together in harmony. (Romans 12:3-8, 1 Corinthians 12:7-31, Ephesians 4:4-13)

"We have different gifts, according to the grace given to us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully." (Romans 12:6-8)

"Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge through the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to



“For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and you have been given fullness in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority.”

(Colossians 2: 9-10)

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.”

(Ephesians 1:3)

The Holy Spirit gives us power and gifts to witness to others, and serve God and His church. (Acts 1:8)

His gifts include: being an apostle, prophet, pastor, teacher, evangelist, serving others, teaching, exhorting, giving, leading, showing mercy, speaking in tongues, interpreting tongues, wisdom, knowledge, healing, miracles and many others.

(Romans 12:6-8, 1 Corinthians 12:7-10, Ephesians 4:11-12)

God our Father gives different gifts to each of His children. Let us ask Him for the ones He wants to give us, and use them in His service.

PART 2

THE FRUIT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The fruit of the Spirit, according to Galatians 5:22-23, is:

- LOVE,
- JOY,
- PEACE,
- PATIENCE,
- KINDNESS,
- GOODNESS,
- FAITHFULNESS,
- GENTLENESS,
- SELF-CONTROL.



The Holy Spirit gives different gifts to each believer, but produces the same FRUIT in all. To be filled with the Holy Spirit is to be always governed by Him.

“...God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.”

(Romans 5:5)

The Holy Spirit fills us to strengthen our life in Christ. On several occasions Acts records that the disciples received new anointings of the Holy Spirit. Each time, they witnessed boldly for Christ. (Acts 2:4-11, Acts 4:8-14, and Acts 4:31)

God promises us POWER through the Holy Spirit. What is this power for?

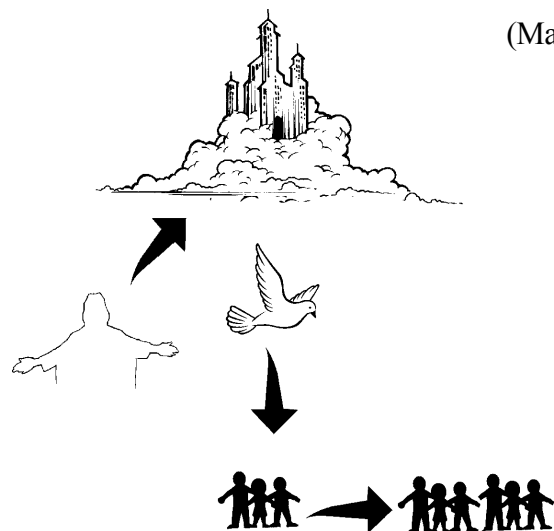
PART 4

THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Purpose of the Gifts is the Building Up of the Church:

Spiritual gifts are given by God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. (1 Corinthians 12:4-6) God gives His gifts to all the church. This picture illustrates some of the gifts in the Body of Christ.

"And surely I will be with you always, to the very end of the age."



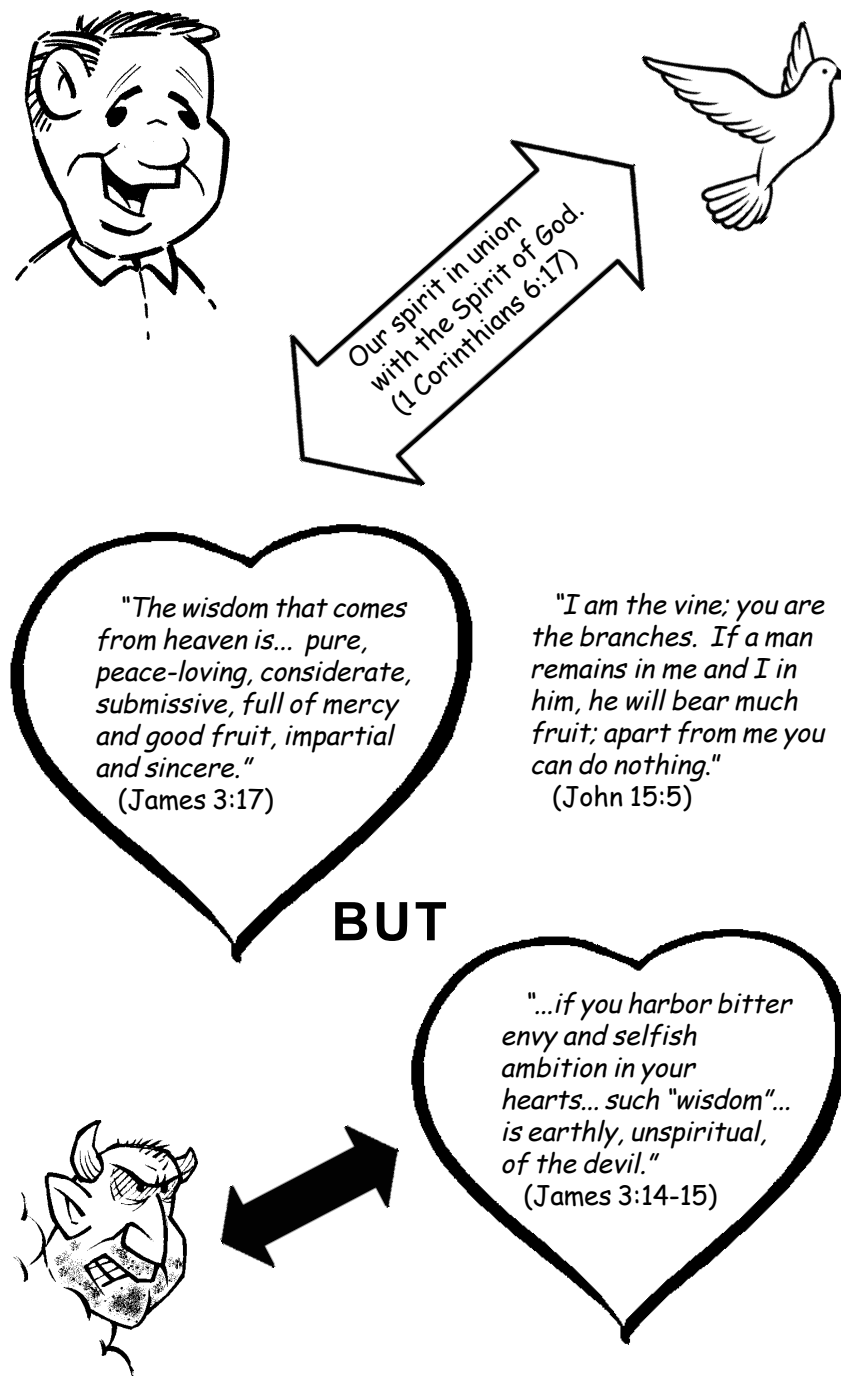
(Matthew 28:20)

Witnesses of Christ

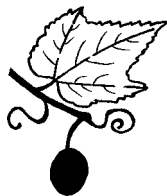
The Lord Jesus ascended to heaven in order to send us the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit fills us so that we witness with power.

The promise of the Holy Spirit is for ALL believers in Christ.
(Acts 2:38-39, Ephesians 1:13)

His power is to WITNESS for Christ. Our testimony is only effective when the Holy Spirit convicts the unbeliever.
(Luke 24:46-49, John 16:8, Acts 1:5-8)



LOVE



“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the LORD is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.”

(Deuteronomy 6:4-5, Matthew 22:37-38)

A man cannot love his wife with all his heart if he has another woman. In the same way, we cannot love the One God if we put other things or people first.

God is worthy of our worship, reverence and love. Although He is absolutely holy, we can come into His presence through our mediator and savior Jesus Christ, when we have sincerely repented of our sins.

In worship, we express our love for God with joy (Psalm 150), thanksgiving (Psalm 147:7), reverence (Isaiah 6:1-7) and order (1 Corinthians 14:32-33, 40).

Our love for Christ is seen in our obedience to His commands.
(John 14:15)

PART 3 POWER TO WITNESS

The Power of the Holy Spirit

Before ascending to heaven, Christ promised His disciples to send
“another Counselor,” and said: *“...I will come to you.”*

(John 14:16-18)

“In a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

(Acts 1:5)

This power from on high is to fulfil His Great Commission to witness to Him and make disciples.

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.”

(Acts 1:8-9)

“You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ.”
(Romans 8:9)

We may express our agreement and joy in a worship service saying “Amen,” “Glory to God” or “Alleluia” (which means “Praise the Lord!”) But let us not repeat such phrases like a parrot, without thinking about what the words mean. (Matthew 6:7)

Which aspects of the fruit of the Spirit should you cultivate, with prayer and discipline, more in your own life?

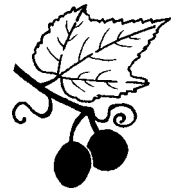
Do you lack...

Love?	Joy?
Peace?	Patience?
Kindness?	Goodness?
Faithfulness?	Gentleness?
Self-control?	

The second most important commandment is “*Love your neighbor as yourself.*” (Matthew 22:39)

Our love must be practiced, not just with words, but with deeds. (1 John 3:18) 1 Corinthians 13 describes the love that the Lord wants to produce in our hearts.

Joy



Joy born of the Spirit of God is permanent; we have it even in times of trouble. (1 Thessalonians 1:6, James 1:2)

“Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy.”

(1 Peter 1:8)

“Rejoice in the Lord always, I will say it again: Rejoice!”
(Philippians 4:4)

PEACE



The only peace that is permanent is that which comes from God. This peace cannot be taken away by any problems we may have.

Jesus assures us in John 14:27: *“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”*

Peace with God requires a clear conscience.

“If we confess our sins he is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”

(1 John 1:9)

Peace also requires truth and reconciliation with others.
(Matthew 5:21-26)

SELF-CONTROL



The Holy Spirit enables us to control and moderate our own appetites and emotions. For example, Christ kept silent when they accused Him in His trial. He forgave His enemies when He could have crushed them; He slept during the storm at sea and went to Calvary with calm determination.

The feelings that are born of God can keep growing without doing us any harm. We can love more and more with the love of Christ. But the love born of the flesh soon grows out of control. We can feel more and more joy from the Holy Spirit, but purely human joy can soon tire us. Human emotion always has to be controlled or it leads to our downfall.

Let us control our human desires. A weak believer often does what he wants, but a spiritual believer presents his body, thoughts and emotions to God as a living sacrifice, so that he may do God’s will.
(Romans 12:1-2)

Paul told the pastor Timothy:

“And the Lord’s servant must not quarrel; instead, he must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful. Those who oppose him he must gently instruct...”

(2 Timothy 2:24-25)



PATIENCE



Patience born of God’s Spirit faces difficulties with faith and joy. It is slow to anger. It does not pressure nor push others. It is perfected in us when we go through many trials and difficulties. (Acts 14:22, Romans 5:3-5, James 1:2-4)

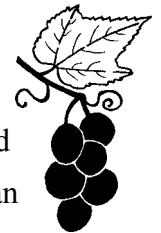
KINDNESS



Kindness is being affectionate and inoffensive, in spite of others’ provocations. It does not respond with anger but with mercy. It does not use a false “painted” smile.

The kindness of God draws us to repentance. (Romans 2:4) In the same way, kindness born of the Holy Spirit forgives and puts up with others’ faults in love. (Colossians 3:12-13)

GOODNESS



Goodness born of the Holy Spirit motivates us to do good works. (Hebrews 10:24) To be a Christian does not mean

just to attend church. Because of our thirst for righteousness and love for God we serve those in need and all mankind. (Matthew 5:6)

If our faith does not produce good works, it is dead and does not save us. (Matthew 25:31-46, James 1:22-27)

FAITHFULNESS

“Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.”

(Hebrews 11:1)



“So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.”

(2 Corinthians 4:18)

Sincere faith seeks the presence of God: *“As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?”*

(Psalm 42:1-2)

“...faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.”

(Romans 10:17)

The sincere believer trusts in God and His Word. We draw near to God through the blood of Lord Jesus. We have full confidence in Him:

“This is the assurance we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.”

(1 John 5:14)

GENTLENESS

Gentleness, in union with Christ, is a spirit of humility before God, and of peacefulness before men.

(Matthew 5:3-5, Matthew 18:3-4, Philippians 2:1-11, Ephesians 4:1-3)



A proud man feels that he has to dominate others. He has an aggressive spirit; he likes to compete rather than cooperate.