

## **Spirit Filling, part 7**

### The Fruit from the Spirit

- I. The filling ministry of the Holy Spirit is necessary to defeat the flesh, or sin nature (Eph. 5:18).
  1. Spirit filling in opposition to drunkenness (*cf.* Gal. 5:21).
    - 1) Since drunkenness is acting 'unsaved',
    - 2) Then the result of Spirit filling is acting 'saved'.
  2. Spirit filling is in the realm of thoughts: new nature (2 Pet. 1:4), mind of Christ (1 Cor. 2:16).
  3. Nothing is lacking when the Spirit fills (Eph. 3:19).
- II. The facets of the Fruit from the Spirit that primarily comfort the individual and thus keeping one's emotions under control: joy, peace, longsuffering, goodness, meekness, self-control (Gal. 5:22-23).
- III. The facets of the Fruit from the Spirit that enable one to minister to other Christians: faith, gentleness, love (Gal. 5:22-23).
  1. The facet of **faith**—is an enabling to know as real a promise from God. A *promise* has content or a *hope*. Faith as part of the Fruit from the Spirit enables the Christian to claim the promises from God to live a Christian lifestyle.
  2. Faith 'brings substance', or makes real things hoped for (Heb. 11:1).
    - 1) *Hope* must be based upon a promise from God (Heb. 10:23).
    - 2) *Hope* is the content of the promise—'what's in it for you'.
    - 3) Faith and hope are only as good as the object of faith.
  3. There are fake faiths—wrong object of faith (1 Cor. 15:2, 17; 2 Thes. 2:11).
  4. One quality of faith, with different applications.
    - 1) Faith for salvation (1 Cor. 15:2).
    - 2) Faith as a spiritual gift (1 Cor. 12:9; 13:2).
    - 3) A measure of faith to use spiritual gift (Rom. 12:3, 6).
    - 4) The mystery of the faith—Christian liberty (1 Tim. 3:9).

- 5) 'The faith' as a body of doctrine to overcome the spiritual enemies (Col. 1:23; 1 Pet. 5:8-9; Tit. 1:11-13).
  - 6) Faith to live by, a facet of the Fruit from the Spirit.
5. Faith to live by.
- 1) Faith in the promise that with Divine enabling we can overcome the dominance of the sin nature (Rom. 6:11, 8; 8:13).
  - 2) Faith in the promise that we can defeat the temptations of Satan (Jam. 4:7; 1 Pet. 5:8-9).
  - 3) Faith in the promise we can resist the world system (Tit. 2:12-13).
  - 4) Faith that our lifestyle can be designed to perform good works (Tit. 2:13; Eph. 2:10).