

Spirit Filling, part 8

The Fruit from the Spirit

- I.** The filling ministry of the Holy Spirit involves the Fruit from the Spirit (Rom. 15:13).
 1. The Father is the ultimate source of Spirit filling.
 2. The intermediate agent of Spirit filling is Jesus Christ (Phil. 1:11).
 3. The Fruit from the Spirit produces the fruit of righteousness—righteous acts (Phil. 1:11).
 4. Spirit filling involves more than the Fruit from the Spirit; it also includes His teaching ministry (Col. 1:9; 1 Jn. 2:27).

- 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: no works. Works are because of faith (Heb. 1:11).
 2. **Kindness** (gentleness, good in KJV) is a gracious attitude toward people who do not warrant it.
 - 1) God's kindness brought us to salvation (Rom. 2:4).
 - 2) God's quality of kindness is impossible without the divine enabling of the Holy Spirit (Rom. 3:12).
 - 3) Kindness is an extension of God's grace; therefore, the recipient does not earn kindness (Eph. 2:7).
 - 4) Understanding that God is kind results in spiritual growth (1 Pet. 2:3).
 - 5) Kindness necessary, along with other parts of the Fruit from the Spirit, when dealing with 'difficult' brethren (Col. 3:12-13).