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The fruit of the Spirit

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1. Source of the Fruit.

1. THE SOURCE of the fruit IS NOT IN THE BRANCH. The branch cannot bear fruit of *itself* (John 15. 4 - 6). It relies on the continuous supply and flow of the “sap” to remain productive and produce fruits. Likewise is the Holy Spirit necessary to remain in our life to become fruitful. The scripture says: He that abides in Me, and I in him, the same brings forth much fruit. For without Me ye can do nothing. If a man abides not in Me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. . Ye can not expect fruit of the Spirit from a carnal mind.
2. THE SOURCE of the fruit IS IN CHRIST HIMSELF. All the fullness of the Godhead dwells in Him. He, as the true and living Vine, has His roots in the Eternal Father.
The sap in the vine is a beautiful metaphor of the Holy Spirit flowing through Christ into those who are abiding in Him. The sap quickens into newness of life.
3. THE SUPPLY of the fruit IS delivered by THE HOLY SPIRIT Rom: 5:5:
The love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us. (Rom. 5. 5). It supplies the abiding branch of the vine with life (John 6. 63). So by His Spirit are we made possessors of the Divine life. If any man has not the Spirit of Christ he is none of His. It is the spirit that quickens; the flesh profits nothing: the words that I speak

Jesus said in Matthew 11:28-30: “Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.”

In conclusion

The Holy Spirit:

1. comforts us
2. teaches us all things,
3. brings things to remembrance,
4. testifies of Jesus
5. reproves the world of sin,
6. guides us into all truth
7. shows us things to come
8. Gives us confidence,
9. Provides us with gifts
10. seals us as children of God
11. Provides us with peace of mind
12. Gives us contentment
13. Gives us assurance
14. Gives us strength
15. Maintains our faith
16. Gives us Joy

(Gal: 3:26-27). We changed our outlook on life and become the New Creature in Christ Jesus our Lord and Saviour. We have put on, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering and charity, which is the bond of perfectness (Col: 3:12, 14). Beside this, we give all diligence to add to our faith virtue; knowledge; temperance; patience brotherly kindness and charity. For if these things abound in us, they make us that we shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. Wherewith are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these we might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. But he that lacks these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and has forgotten that he was purged from his old sins (2 Pt: 1:5-9).

According to 2 Peter 3:2 God has given us all things according to life and godliness to experience a life that is pleasing to God. He has given us instructions to every area in our life regarding work, marriage, family, church and community relationships. How can we make God's power in our life influence us in our relationships? This influence comes through the knowledge of God's word and the presence of His Holy Spirit working within us. In other words we must draw closer to God and rely on His given promises and provisions. For our Lord Jesus Christ has given us a lively hope to an incorruptible and undefiled inheritance that does not fade away, but is reserved for us in heaven through Jesus Christ's resurrection from the dead (1 Pt: 1:3-4). He had chosen us in Him, without blame, before the foundation of the world was laid, that we should be holy before Him in love (Eph: 1:4).

unto you, they are spirit, and they are life. (Jn: 6:63)

Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it sees him not, neither knows him: but ye know him; for he dwells with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you (Jn: 14:17-18). When the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceeds from the Father, he shall testify of Me (Jn: 15:26). The Spirit of truth will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come (Jn: 16:1).

It requires a total transformation of our hearts and minds. It requires a steadfastness of belief so that we can not become confused by false teachers. (Gal: 5:19-23)

1 Tm: 2:1-3 I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour;

The fruit is revealed through kindness love
and compassion,

Through caring, joy, peace, longsuffering, goodness, faithfulness meekness gentleness and self-control. For charity suffers long, and is kind; charity envies not; charity vaunts not itself, is not puffed up, does not behave itself unseemly, seeks not her own, is not easily provoked, thinks no evil Rejoices not in iniquity, but

rejoices in the truth; Bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Charity never fails: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. (1Cor: 13:4-8)

2. The characteristics of the Fruit-Bearers are that:

- a. **THEY ARE CHOSEN** (John 15. 16). As withered and worthless branches they have been chosen of God. While we were like the unwashed outcast (Ezekiel 16), He passed by and set His love upon us;
We were chosen by Christ before the foundation of the world (Eph: 1:3-5).
- b. **THEY ARE Predestinated** (Eph. 1:4-5)
- c. **THEY ARE ADOPTED** (Rom. 8. 15). Not only chosen, but adopted into His family; planted into the Living Vine, and made partakers of the fullness therein. "All one in Christ
- d. **THEY ARE ABIDING** (John 15. 5). Those who feel and know that their life and strength depend entirely upon their union with the Living One. When first planted into Christ they were as dry as the boards of the Tabernacle.
- e. **THEY ARE SANCTIFIED** (Rom. 15. 10). Having been chosen and adopted, they have been sanctified-set apart for the Lord's use. When the Spirit possesses the Christian, as the sap does the

"They seeing your good works may glorify your Father." When they saw the boldness of Peter and John they took knowledge of them that they had been with Jesus. If we abide in Christ we shall be like Joseph, "A fruitful bough by the well, whose branches run over the wall."

SPIRITUAL WEALTH

Proverbs 10: 22.

Is needed, Is divine, Is abundant, Is enduring,
Is a blessing of the Lord It relieves fear Makes rich
Relieves sorrow and brings peace of mind

In other words it's the Mystery of Christ that produces the fruits in us.

The mystery wherein God hath chosen us in Him, has been made known unto us among the Gentiles; which is Christ in us, the hope of glory. For God predestinated us before the foundation of the world unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to Himself (Col.: 1:27; Eph: 1:4-5, 9).

Romans 8:11, 16-17 & 21

If the Spirit of Him that rose up Jesus from the dead dwells in us, He that rose up Christ from the dead shall also quicken our mortal bodies by His Spirit. - For the Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God. And if children, then we become heirs; heirs of God and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together. - Because, we as God's creatures, shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

We are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For we who have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ

without offence till the day of Christ" (Phil. 1:9-11). Herein is My Father glorified

2. It causes us to bear more fruit. Christ said, "I am the true Vine, My Father is the Husbandman. "
3. Brings peace of mind and satisfaction to the heart.
4. Reveals God's own image in the lives of His people (2 Cor 4:6).

5. The fruits that the New Testament outlines

- a. A lifestyle of love brings praise to the Father - all are His own. "His pleasant fruits. Charity suffers long, and is kind; charity envies not; charity vaunts not itself, is not puffed up, does not behave itself unseemly, seeks not her own, is not easily provoked, thinks no evil; rejoices not in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things (1Cor: 13:4-7.)
- b. Witnesses to the grace and power of God working in and through us. For we shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, in all Judea, in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth (Acts 1: 8).
- c. God's Holy Spirit causes us to radiate divine mercy, love, compassion and care.
- d. The fruits are the character trades gained, through the influence of the Holy Spirit that reveals the mighty saving and satisfying power of Jesus Christ working in and through us.

6. Fruits that lead others to believe in God (Acts 2. 41)

engrafted branch, it is that God might be glorified in him.

- f. **THEY ARE REDEEMED** by His blood for the forgiveness of sins (Eph. 1:7) It is God who redeemed our life from destruction; and crowned us with loving kindness and tender mercies; (Ps: 103:4)
- g. **THEY ARE SEALED** with that Holy Spirit of promise (Eph: 1:13).
- h. **THEY ARE RECEIVING** (Acts 1. 8). They have nothing to give until they have first received of His Holy Spirit. What can a branch give to a vine before it becomes a part of it? Well may the branches say, "What have we that we have not received?"
- j. **THEY ARE FILLED** (Acts 2. 4). The branch must first be filled with sap before it can be fruitful. Fruit is the result of abundance of life. It is befitted with the Spirit.
- k. **THEY ARE BLESSED** with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:
- m. **THEY ARE PREDESTINATED** unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ
- o. **THEY ARE CREATED** in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them (Eph: 2:10).

3. The Character of the Fruit is revealed and observed by the following trades:

1. "For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;" (Eph 5:9). It is not of the Christian-apart from the Spirit, but the outcome of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit abiding in the Christian. The branch does not *labour* to bring forth fruit, but the sap representing the Spirit does. "It is God who works in you and through you via the Holy Spirit." "To make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world has been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ: But now has been made known to the church the manifold wisdom of God unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places (Eph: 3:9-10).
2. This fruit resembles the character trades of Christ. Hope does not make us ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost that God has given us (Rom. 5: 5). For it is the Holy Ghost that sheds the love of God in our hearts. We exercise discernment of what we are told. This then resembles the string of pearls in us that was worn by Jesus Christ as mentioned in 1 Corinthians 13. If this love is begotten in us by the Spirit, it will enable us to set our affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For we are dead, but our life is hid with Christ in God (Col: 3:2-3). Just like the sap of a tree branch takes the things of the root and reveals them by its fruit, so does the Spirit take the

things of Christ and shows them unto us, that they might be manifested in and through us. We, as the elect of God, put on therefore, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering (Col: 3:12). We become the new man, who is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him (Col: 3:10). All that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts thereof (Gal: 5:24).

The fruit of a true Christian is revealed through the power, action and interaction with people. "By their fruit ye shall know them."

The light of the Spirit reflects a way of life that leads others to glorify our Father in Heaven. If Christ dwells in our heart by faith the features of His character will be seen in our every day life (Jms: 2:23). When Abraham believed God, it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God. We see thereby how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect, for others to see (Jms: 2:22). For by works a man is justified, and not by faith only (Jms: 2:24). Just like the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also (Jms: 2:26). For they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. (Gal: 5:24)

4. The Preciousness of the Fruit.

1. Being filled with the fruit of righteousness brings glory and praise to God. "May your love abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment; That ye may approve things that are excellent; and be sincere and