

Sermon notes ...

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Text: Galatians 5:13-26

Theology: Pneumatology [doctrine of the Holy Spirit]

Thought: When we surrender to the control of the Holy Spirit, He produces amazing things in us.

Title: The Spirit-filled Life

1. The Holy Spirit enables us to fulfill the Law, Gal. 5:13-15

2. The Holy Spirit enables us to wrestle with the flesh, Gal. 5:16-21, 24

3. The Holy Spirit produces spiritual fruit in our lives / ministry, Gal. 5:22-26 (Nine Christian Character Qualities):

- **Love** – giving of oneself without thought of return (self-giving service), Rom. 5:6-8
- **Joy** – the ability to look at God in spite of what's happening, James 1:2-4
- **Peace** – the ability to know I'm in a right relationship with God, Rom. 5:1; Phil. 4:6-9
- **Patience / longsuffering** – the ability to bear with unbearable people, Col. 3:12-13

- **Kindness** – the ability to do well with others, being a benefit to others, Prov.3:3
- **Goodness / generosity** – doing good things out of the right motive, Gal. 6:10
- **Faithfulness** – being faithful even in little things, 1 Cor. 4:1-2
- **Gentleness / meekness** – strength under control; not to strike back even though you've been hurt, 1 Tim. 6:11; Luke 23:34a
- **Self-control / temperance** – thinking of God, so others might benefit, Gen. 39:7-9

4. What can I do in this process, as the Holy Spirit produces these nine Christian character qualities?

- ✓ The Word of God, 1 Pet. 2:2
- ✓ Accountability (pack-partner), Gal. 2:11-14
- ✓ Self-reflection (being honest with myself), James 1:23

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