Just finished dealing with the *Fruit* of the Holy Spirit; an issue of abiding in the Vine, bearing good fruit!

And we studied the difference between the *Fruit* of the Spirit and the *Gifts* of the Spirit both being evidence of His presence…

Fruit **being a matter of our character development and *gifts* being a matter His nature and love!**

Fruit is a commendation of our faith and trust… gifts are a testimony of His love for suffering, needy, mankind!

Fruit **is a commendation of a person or congregation, *gifts* are a confirmation of the great lengths He will go to equip, utilize and liberate the people that God so loves!**

Detailed the Fruit of the Spirit!

- **Love! 1Jo4.7,8 John13.35 Luke 6.27,28**
  - **This is not human love but God's love that loves others, even enemies, and does good for/to them…**
- **Joy! R14.17 Psalm 16.11 Nehemiah 8.10**
  - **Joy rests in our relationship and confidence in God, no matter what circumstances come along!**

Detailed the Fruit of the Spirit!

- Peace! Romans 5.1 12.17,18 Philippians 4.7,9 Hebrews 12.14,15
  - "Being justified by faith we have peace with God thru Jesus Christ! Romans 5.1
  - Having peace with God, who do we fear?
- Longsuffering! 2Peter 3.9 Psalm 86.15 James 1.4
  - Makrothumia: untiring endurance with people, the same He uses with us!

Detailed the Fruit of the Spirit!

- Kindness! 1Corinthians 13.4
  - Easy to be unkind toward others failures, to be condemnatory instead of reconciling, to be harder than God!
- Goodness! Luke 6.43 1Tim6.18 Acts 4.31
  - Practical, loving acts of goodness: virtuous, benevolence, shown to others!
  - "A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good things!" Lk 6.43
  - Fruit moving to bless/benefit others!

Detailed the Fruit of the Spirit!

- **Faith! 1John 5.4 Romans 1.8**
  - **Remembering that the fruit on the tree is for others, not the tree… this is observable faith in God and His word!**
- **Meekness! Isaiah 29.19 Matt 11.29**
  - **Gentle humility that comes from the confidence of knowing who we are, that we have nothing to prove, and how ultimately equipped we are by God!**

Detailing the Fruit of the Spirit!

- Temperance!
  - Strong in a thing; masterful, having power over appetites/urges, self-under-control!
    - Having "continence!"
  - "He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty. And he who rules his spirit, than he who takes a city!" Proverbs 16.32
  - Food, drink, anger, worldly lusts, words, selfishness…we must be able to rule! 1Cor 6.12-14,19,20 *9.27* Romans 14.16-23 15.1-3

Detailing the Fruit of the Spirit!

- “Against these there is no law!”
  - The law becomes unnecessary because people bearing the fruit of the Spirit don’t sin against God or others…
  - The fruit of the Spirit is the word coming alive from the inside out…
  - It’s a share in Christ’s life… a partaker of the divine nature…
  - Coming from the word and the Spirit!

So then, so far…

- **Studied the theology of the Holy Spirit!**
  - **The deity, personhood, names and symbols of the Holy Spirit!**
- **The Work of the Holy Spirit!**
  - **His relationship to the world, to Jesus, us!**
- **The Ministry of the Holy Spirit as Helper!**
  - **Teaching, *reminding* believers of God's word and *revealing* Jesus to us!**

So then, so far…

- **The fruit of the Spirit!**
  - **Contrast between works of the flesh and fruit of the Spirit!**
  - **Ways to bear fruit!**
  - **Abiding in the Vine (to bear much fruit)!**
  - **The difference between gifts and fruit!**
  - **The relationship of gifts and fruit!**
  - **And we looked at the list of fruit to bear!**

Next…

- **The Baptism with the Holy Spirit!**
  - **The biblical name and definition!**
  - **The purpose and necessity!**
  - **Those who can receive the baptism!**
  - **Conditions!**
  - **How to receive the baptism!**
  - **Ways He was received in the N.T.!**
  - **Evidence and results!**
  - **Additional infillings with the Holy spirit!**

The Baptism with the Holy Spirit!

- **Just before Jesus ascended He gave His disciples orders…**
  - **"I send the promise of My Father upon you; but wait in the city of Jerusalem until you are endowed with power from on high." Luke 24.49**
  - **"Don't leave Jerusalem without waiting for the promise of the Father… for you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now!" Acts 1.4,5**

The Baptism with the Holy Spirit!

- **“When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all in one accord in one place and suddenly there came a sound from heaven like a mighty rushing wind and it filled the place, and there appeared unto them tongues like as a fire and sat upon each of them, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with tongues as He gave them utterance!” Acts 2.1-4**

The Baptism with the Holy Spirit!

- This event was historic and fulfilled…
- And it was responsible for the explosive growth of the church…
- It is still the cause of Spirit filled churches being among the fastest growing in the body of Christ! [Pew Forum]

The Baptism with the Holy Spirit!

- ***Being Spirit filled does not make us exclusive…only empowered!***
- ***Holy Spirit empowerment is not above the redemptive work of the Cross!***
- ***It is the Cross that makes possible this fulfillment of Holy Spirit life!***
- **This fullness is called the Baptism with the Holy Spirit!**

The Baptism with the Holy Spirit!

- **Part of the greatest promise ever made:**
  - **"Whoever believes in Him (Jesus) will not perish but have everlasting life… and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, for the promise is to you… and to as many as the Lord will call… and when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, you will receive power and be witness of Me to the whole earth!" John 3.16 A1.8 2.38,39**

The Baptism with the Holy Spirit is of great importance to the life, service and power of every believer and church!

The Biblical Name!

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- **Being "Baptized with the Holy Spirit" is the correct name of being filled!**
  - **"He will baptize you *with the Holy Spirit* and fire!" Matthew 3.11 Mark 1.8**
  - **"You will be baptized *with the Holy Spirit* not many days from now…" Acts 1.5**
- **Often called a "second work of grace!"**
  - **Definitely a 'grace' of God, but not biblical name!**

The Biblical Name!

- Sometimes called “second blessing!”
  - Certainly is a blessing of God, but not a biblical term!
- Others have called it “a baptism of sanctification” or “holiness!”
  - We are not ‘perfected’ the moment we are baptized with the Holy Spirit…
  - Sanctification is what He does over time by our yieldedness to Him!

The Biblical Name!

- **A work of *grace* may be challenged!**
- **A *blessing* may or may not be received!**
- **An *expectation of sanctification or holiness* may cause a disappointment and doubtfulness!**
- **But a promise from God of the baptism with the Holy Spirit is clearly defined as a ‘yes and amen’ provision!**

The Biblical Definition!

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- **The baptism with the Holy Spirit is an experience, subsequent to salvation!**
  - **Sense of Him 'coming upon,' 'poured out…'**
- **Is a promise to us, not something we have to persuade God to give us!**
  - **It originates with Him, not us!**
- **It is a gift; not a reward, not earned by maturity! Acts 2.38 5.32**

The Biblical Definition!

- **Is commandment of God, not option, for power!**
  - **"Wait until you have been endowed with power from on high…" Luke 24.49**
  - **Wait for the promise which you have heard from Me…" Acts 1.4**
  - **"You will receive after the Holy Spirit has some upon you and you will be witnesses of Me!" Acts 1.8**

The Biblical Definition!

- **Is not the 'new birth' of the Spirit! J3.5-7**
  - **Can be saved; born again, *without* the baptism with the Holy Spirit…**
  - **But can't experience the baptism with the Holy Spirit *without being saved first!***
    - **We believe for salvation in Jesus, Jesus then becomes the Baptizer with the Holy Spirit!**
    - **Can follow instantly, but separate! Acts 10.43-45**

The Biblical Definition!

- **Is not the 'new birth' of the Spirit!**
  - **Jesus disciples were first converted, then filled with the Holy Spirit! Luke 10.20 John 1.35-50 13.10,11 15.3 Lk 24.49 A1 A2.1-4**
  - **The Samaritan's were saved under Philip's ministry then baptized w/the Holy Spirit under Peter and John! Acts 8.14-17**
  - **Paul converted on the road and filled three days later! Acts 9.3-9 17-19**

The Biblical Definition!

- **Is not the 'new birth' of the Spirit!**
  - **[Ephesian converts were asked] "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" Acts 19.2**
    - **"Haven't heard that there is a Holy Spirit!" [believers, not filled!]**
    - **Received the Holy Spirit by the laying on of hands! 19.6**
  - **Separate experience!**

The Biblical Definition!

- **Is not a reward for long term faith!**
  - **We don't earn the baptism with the Holy Spirit!**
  - **We don't 'grow' and become worthy of a special anointing!**
  - **"Repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus for the remission of sins and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit!" A2.38**

The Biblical Definition!

- **Is not a reward for long term faith!**
  - **"While Peter was still speaking the words of salvation, the Holy Spirit fell on them all which heard the word. And the believers who came with Peter were astonished because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the gentiles for they heard them speak with tongues and glorify God!" A10.44-46**

The Biblical Definition!

- **Was not a one time event limited to those in Jerusalem at Pentecost!**
  - **Peter quoting Joel 2.29 "This is what was spoken by the prophet Joel!" Acts 2.16**
    - **Joel's prophecy wasn't *fulfilled* at Pentecost it *began* at Pentecost!**
  - **And Peter cleared up any possible misunderstanding in Acts 2.38**
    - **"To you, yours and all who are coming!"**

The Biblical Definition!

- **Was not a one time event limited to those in Jerusalem at Pentecost!**
  - **AND, there were other occasions beyond the day of Pentecost: Acts 8.14 9.17 10.44-46 19.2-7 all the way down to today!**
  - **As salvation was given to all who believe from the Cross forward…**
  - **So the baptism with the Holy Spirit is for all to receive from Pentecost forward!**

The Purpose and Necessity!

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- **The fulfillment of God's design!**
  - **"I send the promise of My Father upon you… for power from on high!" Luke 24.49**
  - **"You will receive power to be witnesses for Me!" Acts 1.4, 8**
  - **"The gift, promised to all who believe…" Acts 2.38**
  - **"All the promises of God in Christ are yes and amen!" 2Corinthians 1.20**

The Purpose and Necessity!

- **The fulfillment of God's design!**
  - **"Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law… that the blessing of Abraham might come on the gentiles through Jesus Christ that we might received the promise of the Spirit through faith!" Gal 3.13,14**
  - **"We have been given exceedingly precious promises whereby we become partakers of the Divine nature!" 2Peter 1.4**

The Purpose and Necessity!

- **Power for witnessing!**
  - **We have been given power to witness to others regarding Jesus/Good News!**
    - **Acts 1.4,8 is power to testify to our own (Jerusalem), to people somewhat like us (Judea), to people outside our arena (Samaria), people unlike us who don't like us (Uttermost part of the earth)!**

The Purpose and Necessity!

- **Power for witnessing!**
  - **Jesus was anointed with the Spirit before beginning His ministry!**
  - **He healed by the power of the Spirit!**
    - **"God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit and power; went around doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil…" Acts 10.38**
    - **"Cast out demons by the Spirit of God!" Matt 12.28**

The Purpose and Necessity!

- **Power for witnessing!**
  - **Jesus was anointed with the Spirit before beginning His ministry!**
  - **He preached by the Spirit!**
    - **"The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me to preach the gospel to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and the recovery of sight to the blind…" Luke 4.18**

The Purpose and Necessity!

- **Power for witnessing!**
  - **Jesus was anointed with the Spirit before beginning His ministry!**
  - **And then He promised that He would send the Holy Spirit so that…**
    - **"Those who believe in Me, the works that I do they will do also; and greater works that these will they do because I go to My Father!" John 14.12**

The Purpose and Necessity!

- **Power for witnessing!**
  - **Jesus was anointed with the Spirit before beginning His ministry!**
  - **From the frightful group in the upper room before the Holy Spirit came – they were transformed into fierce witnesses that the pain of death could not stop! Acts 5.17-20**
  - **"We must speak what we know!" A4.19,20**
  - **"Lord, look on their threats…" A4.29-31**

The Purpose and Necessity!

- **Power for witnessing!**
  - **Jesus was anointed with the Spirit before beginning His ministry!**
  - **"Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders among the people and they were not able to resist the wisdom and the Spirit by which he spoke!" Acts 6.8,10**
  - **"My speech and preaching were not with enticing words of mans wisdom but in the Spirit and power!" 1Cor 2.4**