



ARTICLE 5

We believe that justification, regeneration, and the new birth are wrought by faith in the blood of Jesus Christ.



THE PROMISE – JOHN 14:12-18,25-26

- 12 Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.
- 13 And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.
- 15 “If you love me, keep my commands.
- 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever



THE PROMISE – JOHN 14:12-18,25-26

17 the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

18 I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

25 “All this I have spoken while still with you.

26 But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.



THE PROMISE – JOHN 15:26-27

26 “When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me.

27 And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.



THE PROMISE – JOHN 16:7-15

7 But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; if I go, I will send him to you. 8 When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: 9 about sin, because people do not believe in me; 10 about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; 11 and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.



THE PROMISE – JOHN 16:7-15 – JOHN 16

12 “I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear.

13 But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.

14 He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you.

15 All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you.”



INTRODUCTION

- Saving Grace – God's grace that leads to salvation; saving Grace brings us to God. Saving Grace brings the ultimate gift, God.
- Serving Grace – The aim of Serving Grace is to replicate the ministry of Jesus Christ in the earth.
- How do we replicate the ministry of Jesus in the earth?



INTRODUCTION

- Gift of the Spirit is for team assignment – Let Us, etc.
- Jesus had disciples
- David had mighty men
- Gideon had 300 soldiers
- Wherever there is abuse and misuse, there is disuse.



INTRODUCTION

- You cannot learn to swim on the beach; you have to get in the water.
- Stepping into the water is synonymous with surrendering.
- We get the Spirit by salvation, but the Spirit gets us by surrender.
- Ankle, knee, waist, etc (Ezekiel 47:3-6)



INTRODUCTION

- The fullness of the Holy Spirit is the birthright of every believer. (Acts 2:38-39)
- The fullness of the Holy Spirit is a command to every believer (Eph 5:18-21)
- The fullness of the Holy Spirit will bring change, empowerment, and impact
- You cannot improve on the method of Jesus Christ.



THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT

- The task is bigger than we are: No matter who you are, no matter how bright, how gifted, how strong, we must rely on a power greater than our own.
- The task is too hard to accomplish without the Spirit's power: You need the Spirit's power to do what Jesus has called you to do.
- The task is not finished: Not everyone has heard the gospel.



YOU ARE A GIFT TO THE BODY OF CHRIST

- DISCOVER THE GIFT, OPEN THE GIFT, USE THE GIFT
- 1 Peter 4:10 Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.
- If others don't use their gifts, then you get cheated.
- And if you don't use your gift, then you get cheated.
- An unopened gift is wasted.



DEFINITION OF GIFT

- Charisma - A gift of divine grace, an undeserved favor
- A favor which one receives without any merit of his own
- Operation of the grace of God in our lives
- divinely empowers a believer to share God's work with others
- Empowerment of God to fulfill the assignment of God



DEFINITION OF FRUIT - GAL 5:24-26

- 24 And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.
- 25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.
- 26 Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.



FRUIT-BEARING PRINCIPLES

- A good tree bears good fruit;
- A bad tree bears evil fruit;
- A good tree cannot bear evil fruit;



FRUIT-BEARING PRINCIPLES

- A bad tree cannot bear good fruit;
- A tree is known by its fruit;
- A man will be judged by his fruit.



FRUIT-BEARING PRINCIPLES

- The “fruit of the Spirit” appears to fall into three sets of three.
- The first three describe the characteristics of the believer’s relationship to the Spirit.
- Love, joy, and peace describe the experience we have as the Holy Spirit leads us to deeper levels of truth contained in the gospel of Christ.
- Rooted in a relationship with God. LOVE: The willful desire to treat others as God has treated us in Christ. The crowning virtue of the Christian religion.



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Patience, kindness, and goodness describe the outward manifestation of a life motivated by the grace of Christ shed in our hearts by the Spirit.



FRUIT-BEARING PRINCIPLES

- The “fruit of the Spirit” appears to fall into three sets of three.
- Faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control are those virtues cultivated through the discipline of the Spirit, which enable the Christian to maintain salvation and demonstrate the impact of God’s grace in a believer’s life.



PURPOSES OF THE GIFTS – Ephesians 4:11-14

- 11 So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers,
- 12 to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up
- 13 until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.
- 14 Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming.



PURPOSES OF THE GIFTS – EPHESIANS 4:12-14

- For the perfecting of the saints,
- For the work of the ministry,
- For the edifying of the body of Christ:
- Till we all come in the unity of the faith,



PURPOSES OF THE GIFTS - EPHESIANS 4:12-14

- And of the knowledge of the Son of God,
- Unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ:
- That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine



(PURPOSE OF GIFTS – SUMMARY): EPH 4:11-13

- To equip his people for works of service -**TO SUPPLY.**
- So the body of Christ may be built up – **TO EDIFY.**
- Becoming **unified** in faith – **TO UNIFY.**
- Becoming mature like Christ – **TO SANCTIFY.**



WE SHOULD NOT BE IGNORANT!!!!

- Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant. – 1 Corinthians 12:1