

The Holy Spirit and Spirituality – Part 7

The Holy Spirit and the fruit of the Spirit

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School--an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are continuing an exciting series of studies on The Holy Spirit and Spirituality. Our topic today: The Holy Spirit and the fruit of the Spirit.

Scripture Theme Song: The fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22-23)

- 1) A living connection with Jesus
 - a) John 15:1-11 –The verb “abide” or “remain” is used numerous times (x9) in this passage. Why is abiding in Jesus so important?
 - b) Matthew 7:16-20 – How does the teaching of Jesus about the Vine and branches help us to understand His teaching in the Sermon on the Mount?
 - c) Religious people who lack a living connection with Jesus have a form of godliness but deny its power (2 Timothy 3:5). How can we ensure that we have a living connection with Jesus?
- 2) Bearing much fruit
 - a) Galatians 5:22-23
 - b) What important lesson can we learn from the fact that Paul speaks of the “fruit” of the Spirit rather than the “fruits” of the Spirit?
 - c) The greatest of these is love
 - i) Why is agape love mentioned first?
 - ii) 1 John 4:8
 - iii) Matthew 22:37-39; John 13:34-35
- iv) 1 Corinthians 13:1-13
- v) Romans 5:5 – by the Holy Spirit
- d) The fruit of the Spirit is joy and peace
 - i) For those who lack a living connection with Jesus, joy and peace is dependent upon external circumstances.
 - ii) How do Christians experience joy and peace?
 - (1) Romans 14:17
 - (2) John 15:9-11
 - (3) John 14:27, John 16:33
- e) The fruit of the Spirit is Patience (longsuffering)
 - i) How does patience reflect the character of our loving and grace God? 2 Peter 3:9
 - ii) Colossians 1:9-11 How is patience and longsuffering with joy possible?
- f) The fruit of the Spirit is Kindness and goodness
 - i) Titus 3:3-7 – the kindness of God our Savior
 - ii) Ephesians 5:9 –not only a little goodness but all goodness, all kindness
 - iii) Romans 2:4
- g) The fruit of the Spirit is faithfulness
 - i) Revelation 1:4-5
 - ii) 2 Timothy 2:11-13
 - iii) How can we reflect the faithfulness of God?
- h) The fruit of the Spirit is gentleness: Matthew 11:29, Matthew 5:5
- i) The fruit of the Spirit is self-control—Share a time when you experienced self-control by the Spirit as a result of a living connection with Jesus.