

Journey Church Hawaii
“What is the Spirit-Filled Life?”
Galatians 5:22-23
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Last Week: The Spirit Filled Life by Bill Bright

<https://www.cru.org/us/en/train-and-grow/spiritual-growth/the-spirit-filled-life.html>

- **Natural Person (Self-Directed Life):** Someone who has not received Christ
 - Self is on the throne, directing decisions and actions (represented by the dots), often resulting in frustration. Jesus is outside the life.
 - “A natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised” (1 Corinthians 2:14).
- **Spirit-Filled Life (Christ-Directed Life):** One who is directed and empowered by the Holy Spirit.
 - Jesus is in the life and on the throne. Self is yielding to Jesus. The person sees Jesus' influence and direction in their life.
 - “He who is spiritual appraises all things...We have the mind of Christ” (1 Corinthians 2:15).
- **Carnal Person (Self-Directed Life):** One who has received Christ, but who lives in defeat because he is trying to live the Christian life in his own strength
 - Jesus is in the life but not on the throne. Self is on the throne, directing decisions and actions (represented by the dots), often resulting in frustration.
 - “And I brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual men, but as to carnal men, as to babes in Christ. I gave you milk to drink, not solid food; for you were not yet able to receive it. Indeed, even now you are not yet able, for you are still carnal. For since there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not fleshy, and are you not walking like mere men?” (1 Corinthians 3:1-3)

I. What is the Spirit-Filled Life?

- A. Living constantly, moment by moment, under the gracious direction of the Holy Spirit [Ro 8:1-17]
 - B. It is Supernatural, subsequent to Salvation [John 20:22] achieved in the power of the Holy Spirit [Acts 1:8; 2:1-4]
 - C. It is to be continually sought after [Ephesians 5:18; Galatians 5:16-26]
- **DRUNK:** (of alcoholic drink or a drug) cause (someone) to lose control of their faculties or behavior.
 - **DEBAUCHERY:** excessive or “wasteful” spending; luxurious extravagance; immoral behaviour

VERSES: Self-control that leads to a life of morality and righteousness

D. The Key is a SURRENDERED HEART [Matt 5:5; 11:29; Phil 4:13; 2 Cor 12:10; Rev 4]

The Character of Jesus Christ

II. What does the Spirit-Filled Look Life in our Everyday Life? [Galatians 5:16-26]

A. Reference: What are the Fruits of the Spirit?

<https://www.christianity.com/wiki/holy-spirit/what-are-the-fruits-of-the-spirit.html>

Understanding that “fruit” in this verse can mean “deed, action, or result” helps make this verse more personal. The result or the work of the Spirit in a believer’s life is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, gentleness, and self-control.

B. The Fruits of the Spirit [Galatians 5:22-23]

1. **Love** for God and others is the result of receiving God’s perfect agape’ love
2. **Joy** is the realization of God’s favor and grace in one’s life. Biblical joy is happiness that is not dependent on our circumstances
3. **Peace** is inclusive of life without conflict, as well as wholeness and harmony with God and others. A life of peace is safe and secure both physically and mentally. Peace is a result of allowing the Holy Spirit to work in our hearts and minds. When we have peace, we are free from fear and worry about finances, our safety, our salvation, and our eternal life.
4. **Forbearance, Patience.** The Holy Spirit empowers believers to withstand challenging situations with perseverance and endurance. We have all benefited from Christ’s immense patience with us. The evidence of the Holy Spirit in our life is also seen in our ability to persevere, be patience, steadfast and long-tempered in our interaction with others
5. **Kindness** conveys the meaning of moral goodness, integrity, usefulness, and tolerance towards others. The Holy Spirit enables us to have moral integrity with kindness and not get trapped in self-righteousness judgement.
6. **Goodness** means uprightness of heart and life, goodness, and kindness. Goodness is seen in our actions. This word relates to not only being good, but also doing good things.
7. **Faithfulness** is a character trait that combines dependability and trust based on our confidence in God and His eternal faithfulness.
8. **Gentleness** or “Meekness” does not identify the weak but more precisely the strong who have been placed in a position of weakness where they persevere without giving up. The use of the Greek word when applied to animals makes this clear, for it means ‘tame’ when applied to wild animals. In other words, such animals have not lost their strength but have learned to control the destructive instincts that prevent them from living in harmony with others.”
9. **Self-Control** is ability to control one’s body and its sensual appetites and desires – physically and mentally – through the power of the Holy Spirit. Self-control relates to both chastity and sobriety, and particularly moderation in eating and drinking. Self-control is the opposite of the works of the flesh that indulge sensual desires.

III. Coming on July 21, 2019: The Gifts of the Spirit

Resource: Holy Spirit Gifts and Power by Paul Walker

http://sacfm.org/Holy_Spirit_Gifts_and_Power.htm