Abiding In The Spirit

John 14-16, Romans 8, Galatians 5



Do you seek the Holy Spirit's will, or only His power?

The Holy Spirit was given to guide, teach, refine, and transform us, not merely to fix what is broken when we have insisted on doing things our own way.

To Abide in the Holy Spirit, we must:

1. KNOW _____

*The **Holy Spirit** is not a WHAT; He is a WHO. He is God*

"And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another (*allos*) Helper, to be with you forever." — John 14:16

Jesus said it was to the disciples' advantage that He depart so the Helper would come (John 16:7).

The **Holy Spirit** dwells **IN** every believer, not merely alongside us (Romans 8:9).

The Spirit **teaches** (John 14:26), **intercedes** (Romans 8:26–27), **seals** believers (Ephesians 1:13–14), and **empowers** us to follow Christ.

2. _____ WITH HIM

There is an enormous difference between **HAVING** the Holy Spirit and **WALKING** with the Holy Spirit.

"But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh." — Galatians 5:16

***Walking** is continual: **one step, one decision, one day** after another.*

Walking by the Spirit means choosing obedience to God instead of obedience to our flesh (Romans 8:13).

Discipline and **effort** don't replace dependence upon the Holy Spirit; they accompany our walk with Him.

The same Spirit who gave us new life empowers us to live that new life (Galatians 3:3).

3. BEAR HIS_____

The works of the flesh and the fruit of the Spirit reveal different kinds of lives (Galatians 5:19–23).

"But the **fruit of the Spirit** is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control." — Galatians 5:22–23

"Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears **much fruit**, for apart from me you can do nothing." — John 15:5

***Spiritual frui**t cannot be manufactured through religious activity or sheer effort. It is evidence of the Spirit's transforming work in us.*

Fruit grows and matures over time as the Spirit makes us more like Christ (2 Corinthians 3:18).

One of the greatest indicators of growth: you change, even though your circumstances haven't.

ASK YOURSELF

- Have I reduced the Holy Spirit to something less than He is?
- Do I know Him?

- Am I following the Spirit, or expecting Him to follow me?
- Am I primarily walking by the flesh or the Spirit?

- If someone examined my fruit, would they recognize the Holy Spirit in me?
- Am I becoming more like Jesus?