

Main Idea: The ministry of the Holy Spirit in the Christ-follower is fruit bearing.

Series – Monuments

Sometimes we need to be reminded of the foundational principles of our faith. If we could drive through the Bible or take one of those guided tours like you might in Washington DC, we would come upon one monument after another to our faith – *Hope, Purpose, Love*.

Another Distinguishing Mark

Yet another distinguishing mark of Christianity, separating it from other world religions is the gift of the Holy Spirit. Unlike Islam, Judaism, and Hinduism, Christianity claims that upon the acceptance of Jesus Christ as Savior (Lord, and Boss), The Spirit of God actually fills the Christ-follower. That is unique and further separates Christianity from other world religions. The indwelling Holy Spirit is a monument to our faith.

True Hypocrisy = *Claiming the life-altering power of God without bearing fruit.*

Jesus made it clear throughout His ministry that God has a bigger problem with hypocrites than He does with sinners. The church has turned this upside down; driving the sinners away from our churches and allowing them to fill up with biblical hypocrites (*see Matthew 23:27*).

- ❑ Biblical Hypocrite – Claims the life-changing power of God but bears no fruit.
- ❑ Cultural Hypocrites – Claims the life-changing power of God but continues to struggle with sin.

Struggling to overcome sin is fruit. Contentment in our own self-righteousness is not!

The Holy Spirit in the OT

1. Shared in creation – Genesis 1:2; Job 33:4
2. Revealed God's messages – 1Samuel 3:1ff (call of Samuel)
3. Enabled strong and wise leadership – 1Samuel 9-11 (Key word, "anointing" – symbolized God's presence).
4. Stimulated faith, conviction, and repentance – Psalm 51:10-12.

What Does God Want?

In the NT, the Bible says that God's Spirit is in every Christ-follower (*see 1Corinthians 6:19-20*). But what is He up to? What does the Holy Spirit do for, in, and through us? That's the question. What does God want? In short, He wants you to bear fruit. He wants you to resemble His Son – His Spirit living inside you wants to come out (*see Galatians 5:16-25*).

Family Night Big idea – Read John 15:1-17

- Elementary School – Ask, "In this word picture, who is the Vine and who are the branches? What happens to a branch that gets cut from the vine? How are we supposed to love others (v.12)?"
- Middle/ High School – Ask, "How do we 'remain in Christ'? What kind of fruit can we bear? Why do we need to remain in Christ to bear fruit? Describe Christ's love for you."

Prayer: "Heavenly Father, help us follow Jesus so that we can bear good fruit for You. Amen."

Velocity (Middle and High School Students)

Velocity: Meets this Wednesday, September 24th.

Gravity: Today in both services.

Today's Songs

That's Who I Praise..... Brandon Lake
Holy Spirit..... Francesca Battistelli
Running Home..... Cochran and Co.

Kenya Christmas 2025 Donations

We were able to send Mission Thome \$22,000 for their needs. Thank you for your generosity!

PlusONE

We want to challenge you to add one thing to your church attendance on Sunday to strengthen your Faithwalk. It will take initiative on your part and we would be glad to show you how!

Savannah Bananas

If you purchased a ticket from the church, remember the game is October 2nd.

Velocity Ski Trip

Time to sign up online for Ski Trip on January 16-19, 2026.