



PARAKLETOS

A STUDY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



CROSSROADS CHURCH
STATEN ISLAND

Week 7:
Fruits of the Holy Spirit

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Objective: *To provide a thorough description of the Holy Spirit.*

Goals:

Increase awareness of the Holy Spirit

Increase availability to the Holy Spirit

Increase application of the Holy Spirit

Lesson and Schedule Considerations:

Week 1: Identity of The Holy Spirit.....Ray Parascando

Week 2: Baptism of The Holy Spirit.....Ray Parascando

Week 3: Acts of The Holy Spirit.....Ray Parascando

Week 4: Grieving The Holy Spirit.....Dan Cognetta

Week 5: Quenching The Holy Spirit.....Ray Parascando

Week 6: Indwelling of The Holy Spirit.....Dan Cognetta

Week 7: *Fruits of The Holy Spirit*.....John Palombo

Week 8: Gifts of The Holy Spirit.....John Palombo

Week 9: Filing of The Holy Spirit.....Ray Parascando



Small Groups



Get Connected.....15 Minutes

Opening Discussion Questions:

- 1) When someone mentions the fruits of the Spirit, what comes to your mind?

- 2) When someone mentions the desires of the flesh, what comes to your mind?

Memory Verses | Week 7:

*“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,
²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.”*
— Galatians 5:22-23



Host Tip: Stream the lesson after the memory verse is read.



Start Lesson.....20 Minutes

Week 7: Fruits the Spirit of The Holy Spirit

— With John Palombo

The Job of the Holy Spirit is to transform us into the image of Christ.

In the Apostle Paul's letter to the Church in Galatia he gives a detailed list of how to distinguish between those living for God and those who are not living for God.

I. The Fruits of the Flesh

➤ **Galatians 5:19-21**¹⁹ *The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery;*²⁰ *idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions*²¹ *and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.*

1. The acts of the flesh lead to spiritual **DEATH**.

The Apostle Paul's descriptions of the acts of the flesh can be placed into **four categories**.

1. The first category is **SEXUAL** sins.

- a) Sexual immorality fornication, adultery, and homosexuality.
- b) Impurity refers to moral uncleanness. (Thought, speech, attitudes)
- c) Debauchery is excessive indulgence in these sexual sins.

3. The second category is **RELIGIOUS** sins.

a) **Idolatry**

- Involves bowing down to pagan gods.
 - Involves anything that we allow to take time away from God.
 - Computer,
 - Facebook,
 - Hobbies,
- Anything that God must compete with our time for can be attributed to an idol in our life.

- Matthew 6:21 Where your treasure is, there your heart will be. God will never abandon us. He indwells us permanently and He enables us to live godly lives through the Holy Spirit's power working within (indwelling) the believer.

b) **Witchcraft** Greek word *pharmakeia*, which means “*the use of drugs.*”
English word **pharmacy**

- Witchcraft in the era of the apostles consisted of magical potions administered by sorcerers.

20th -21st Century

- Tarot Card Readings,
- Seance
- Trying to converse with a dead loved one.
- These were actions performed by witches.

4. The third category is eight **SOCIAL** sins.

- 1) Hating one another
- 2) Discord towards each other -which means to have disagreements.
- 3) Jealous of each other
- 4) Fits of Rage
- 5) Selfish Ambition. Getting ahead at the expense of someone else (Iye Cheat way to top)
- 6) Dissensions Which lead to Disagreements
- 7) Factions- Small groups of people that plot and scheme to cause dissension.
- 8) Envy – which is Coveting other people's possessions.

5. The fourth category is related to **ALCOHOL/SUBSTANCE** abuse.

- a) **drunkenness** -Alcohol is a mind-altering chemical.
- b) **orgies**. Orgies refer to drunken sexual perversions.

II. The Fruits of The Spirit

➤ Galatians 5:22-23 ²² *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,* ²³ *gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.*

6. It is the Holy Spirit's job to make us into the **IMAGE** of Christ.

1. The Fruits of the Spirit bring Spiritual **LIFE**.

A. LOVE

The first evidence of becoming Christlike is Love. – We cannot be transformed into the image of Christ without love.

SIDE EFFECTS OF LOVE

- Love leads to Joy.
- Love leads to peace.
- Love leads to being patient with others.
- Love leads to kindness. Goodness, faithfulness, and self-control.

8. Without **LOVE** the Fruits of the Spirit will be dormant in our life.

9. The Fruit of the Holy Spirit will lead you to becoming **PRODUCTIVE** for Jesus Christ.



Closing Discussion & Prayer.....20 Minutes

1. Which Fruits of the Spirit do you think are the most prevalent in your life. Give an example to glorify God's work in your life.
2. If you saw someone that knew you before you accepted Jesus, without telling them that you are a Christian, would they be able to see Jesus in your actions?

3. What steps can you take to allow the Holy Spirit to lead you to becoming the image of Jesus