

# The Holy Spirit

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## THE FRUIT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The following is my sermon outline from several Sundays ago. I did not have time to complete the message.

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### **WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT COMES UPON YOU? AND WHAT HAPPENS WHEN HE LEAVES YOU?**

- We are a Pentecostal church. What does that mean?
- Every person needs what is called the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.
- Every follower of Christ in this church is a minister.
  - to give verbal witness for Christ
  - to lay hands on the sick and they are healed
  - to cast our evil spirits or influence
  - THIS HAS VERY LITTLE TO DO WITH EDUCATION, TALENT OR CHARISMA.....IT HAS TO DO WITH THE INDWELLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN YOUR LIFE.

Acts 1:8

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Acts 2:1-4

And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. [2] And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. [3] And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. [4] And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Acts 2:41-42

1 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were  
2 added unto them about three thousand souls. [42] And they continued stedfastly in the  
3 apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

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5 Acts 19:1-7

6 And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through  
7 the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples, [2] He said unto them,  
8 Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have  
9 not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. [3] And he said unto them, Unto  
10 what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism. [4] Then said Paul,  
11 John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they  
12 should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. [5] When  
13 they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. [6] And when Paul had  
14 laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues,  
15 and prophesied. [7] And all the men were about twelve.

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17 THOSE TWELVE MEN SET EPHESUS ON FIRE WITH REVIVAL. THEY HAD  
18 BEEN EMPOWERED SUPERNATURALLY FOR THEIR WORK.

19 You may say, "Well, Pastor, that's all well and nice, but is there anything about the Holy  
20 Spirit in the Old Testament.

## 21 22 SAMSON

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24 Briefly tell of the cycles of Judges - 7 of them

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26 Judges 13:1-5

27 And the children of Israel did evil again in the sight of the Lord; and the Lord  
28 delivered them into the hand of the Philistines forty years.

29 [2] And there was a certain man of Zorah, of the family of the Danites, whose name  
30 was Manoah; and his wife was barren, and bare not. [3] And the angel of the Lord  
31 appeared unto the woman, and said unto her, Behold now, thou art barren, and bearest  
32 not: but thou shalt conceive, and bear a son. [4] Now therefore beware, I pray thee, and  
33 drink not wine nor strong drink, and eat not any unclean thing: [5] For, lo, thou shalt  
34 conceive, and bear a son; and no razor shall come on his head: for the child shall be a  
35 Nazarite unto God from the womb: and he shall begin to deliver Israel out of the hand of  
36 the Philistines.

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38 Judges 13:24-25

39 And the woman bare a son, and called his name Samson: and the child grew, and the  
40 Lord blessed him. [25] And the **Spirit of the Lord** began to move him **at times** in the

1 camp of Dan between Zorah and Eshtaol.

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3 • **HERE IS A CLASSIC CASE OF UNFULFILLED POTENTIAL.**

4 Samson was born to be a liberator to the people of Israel. He was only PARTLY  
5 successful. WHY?

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7 **1. Samson got sidetracked in his mission. Anything can sidetrack a person but**  
8 **in Samson's case it was a relationship.**

9 **2. Samson started believing it was his OWN power and strength, instead of giving**  
10 **glory to God for it.**

11 **3. Samson was content with what he had ALREADY seen accomplished and lost**  
12 **sight of the mission still undone.**

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14 Judges 16:20-21

15 And she said, The Philistines be upon thee, Samson. And he awoke out of his sleep,  
16 and said, I will go out as at other times before, and shake myself. **And he DID NOT**  
17 **REALIZE that the Lord was departed from him.**

18 [21] But the Philistines took him, and put out his eyes, and brought him down to Gaza,  
19 and bound him with fetters of brass; and he did grind in the prison house.

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21 No more the liberator....no more the strong man....now he was the victim of any and  
22 all who wished to abuse him.

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24 OH MY FRIEND....WHAT COULD HAVE BEEN!

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26 Yes, First Assembly has had victories. BUT ARE THEY ALL THE VICTORIES  
27 GOD HAD IN MIND FOR US? ARE WE ONLY PARTIALLY SUCCESSFUL IN  
28 WHAT GOD HAS CALLED US TO DO?

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30 Yes, you and I have had spiritual victories. BUT HAVE WE REALLY REACHED  
31 OUR POTENTIAL FOR CHRIST? Or are we satisfied with "churchianity" = with a  
32 form of religion but have no power with God or man?

### 33 34 SAUL AND DAVID

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36 • Very few men were ever born with the potential of King Saul, the first King of  
37 Israel. Physically and politically he was a giant. He was the first to unite the  
38 12 tribes of Israel since the days of Joshua, 400 years earlier. BUT HE  
39 ALLOWED HIS SPIRITUAL LIFE TO DIE. As a result, God stripped him of  
40 his anointing and gave it to another.

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2 SEVERAL YEARS AGO, I MADE A FILM FOR THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD  
3 ABOUT ISRAEL. ONE DAY WE RENTED A HELICOPTER FOR THE DAY -  
4 TINY 3 PLACE CRAFT. DURING THE DAY WE HAD TO REFILL IT WITH  
5 FUEL THREE TIMES. THE FIRST REFUELING CAME AS WE WERE SOUTH  
6 OF THE SEA OF GALILEE. THE HELICOPTER ACTUALLY LANDED ON A  
7 TRUCK WHERE IT WAS REFUELED. THE TRUCK WAS PARKED BY A  
8 SERIES OF LARGE HILLS. THEY ARE KNOWN AS MOUNT GILBOA. IT  
9 WAS HERE THAT ONE OF THE OLD TESTAMENT'S MOST TRAGIC  
10 OCCURRENCES TOOK PLACE:

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12 1 Samuel 16:13-14

13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and  
14 the Spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel rose up, and  
15 went to Ramah.

16 [14] But the Spirit of the Lord departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the Lord  
17 troubled him.

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19 1. Under the anointing of the Holy Spirit, DAVID was enabled by God to bring in  
20 the golden age of Israel. Blessings, strength and prosperity of every kind attended  
21 him.

22 2. Without the anointing of the Holy Spirit SAUL died a suicide on Mount Gilboa.

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24 ● THE HOLY SPIRIT IS GIVEN TO YOU AND TO ME FOR A REASON.

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26 1. To live a victorious life for Christ.

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28 2. To build His kingdom by your personal witness and input

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30 3. To continue the same powerful action for God we see in the lives of people in  
31 the book of Acts. **YOU SAY, "Well, I'm not a minister." But you are!**

32 \*\*\* **Aquila and Priscilla**

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34 ● THE HOLY SPIRIT IS IMPARTED TO US IN A MEASURE AT SALVATION  
35 - BUT IN FULL STATURE WHEN WE ARE BAPTIZED IN THE HOLY  
36 GHOST.

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38 SO....HOW DO YOU RECEIVE THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT?

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40 1. First, you must want it desperately!

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1 Jesus told the disciples, “Tarry....until....” Or stay before me constantly until you  
2 receive it.

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4 **WHY DO YOU WANT THE BAPTISM? DO YOU PLAN TO DO**  
5 **ANYTHING WITH IT WHEN YOU GET IT?**

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7 2. You must ask the Lord to wash out of your life anything offensive to Him. The  
8 Holy Spirit will not fill an unholy vessel.

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10 3. Exercise faith in the receiving of it. **AS THE HOLY SPIRIT BEGINS TO LEAD**  
11 **YOU INTO NEW ARENAS OF EXPERIENCE....FOLLOW HIS LEADING.**

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13 Remember you are arriving in the reality of “not by power of my own....but that of  
14 the Holy Spirit.”

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16 THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

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18 **Galatians 5:22-23**

19 **But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness,**  
20 **faith, [23] Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.**

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22 We will approach this subject in three units: Love, joy and peace which are the result of  
23 our relationship to God or our upward life; Patience, kindness and goodness which are  
24 developed through our relationship with other people; and faithfulness, gentleness and  
25 self control which reflect the inward life.

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27 **Contrast these virtues with the works of the flesh as outlined in Galatians 5:16-26**

28 **This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. [17]**  
29 **For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are**  
30 **contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. [18] But**  
31 **if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law. [19] Now the works of the flesh**  
32 **are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,**  
33 **[20] Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions,**  
34 **heresies, [21] Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the**  
35 **which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such**  
36 **things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. [22] But the fruit of the Spirit is love,**  
37 **joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, [23] Meekness, temperance:**  
38 **against such there is no law. [24] And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh**  
39 **with the affections and lusts. [25] If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the**  
40 **Spirit. [26] Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one**

1 **another, envying one another.**

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3 IF YOU AND I ARE NOT UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, THEN  
4 WE ARE UNDER THE CONTROL OF OUR FLESH. HOW DO WE WALK IN THE  
5 SPIRIT?

- 6 1. Listen to Him
- 7 2. Follow Him
- 8 3. Obey Him
- 9 4. Trust Him

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11 Every believer is to be a fruit-bearing follower of Christ. One way or the other, good or  
12 bad, you and I are bearing fruit of some kind. The question is: which kind?

13 **Isaiah 5:4-5**

14 **What could have been done more to my vineyard, that I have not done in it?**  
15 **wherefore, when I looked that it should bring forth grapes, brought it forth wild**  
16 **grapes? [5] And now go to; I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard: I will take**  
17 **away the hedge thereof, and it shall be eaten up; and break down the wall thereof,**  
18 **and it shall be trodden down:**

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#### WHY IS FRUIT BEARING SO IMPORTANT?

- 21 1. Fruitbearing is an expression of the life of Christ. Every fruit is an expression of the  
22 life of the plant from which it comes.
- 23 2. Fruitbearing is an evidence of discipleship. (John 15:8) Jesus said we should  
24 “bear much fruit.”
- 25 3. Fruitbearing blesses other people.
- 26 4. Fruitbearing brings glory to God.

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#### L O V E

28 Our Lord’s directive in this regard is very high indeed: John 15:12

29 This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.

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31 That clause “as I have loved you” puts this standard of love far, far above all normative  
32 expressions of human love. That standard is not possible through our limited human  
33 love; but as the Holy Spirit develops Christlikeness in us, we learn to love as He loved.

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A person who says, “Oh, I could never love that person....!” does not understand this fruit of the Spirit. This standard of love evokes that of Christ Himself and transcends all human expressions.

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1 **John 13:34-35**

2 **A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved**  
3 **you, that ye also love one another. [35] By this shall all men know that ye are my**  
4 **disciples, if ye have love one to another.**

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6 THE THREE KINDS OF LOVE

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8 1. Agape love. Agape is a Greek word that means “selfless love.” This would  
9 indicate God’s love for mankind, for example. **John 3:16**

10 **For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever**  
11 **believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.**

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13 Or:

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15 **1 John 4:19**

16 **We love him, because he first loved us.**

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18 2. Philia (brotherly) love. This is friendship or human love.

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20 3. Eros (physical love). This love flows from the natural senses, instincts and  
21 passions.

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23 GOD’S DEFINITION OF LOVE

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25 1 Cor. 13:1-13 NLT

26 If I could speak in any language in heaven or on earth but didn't love others, I would  
27 only be making meaningless noise like a loud gong or a clanging cymbal. [2] If I had the  
28 gift of prophecy, and if I knew all the mysteries of the future and knew everything about  
29 everything, but didn't love others, what good would I be? And if I had the gift of faith so  
30 that I could speak to a mountain and make it move, without love I would be no good to  
31 anybody. [3] If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed my body, I could  
32 boast about it; but if I didn't love others, I would be of no value whatsoever.

33 [4] Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud [5] or rude. Love  
34 does not demand its own way. Love is not irritable, and it keeps no record of when it has  
35 been wronged. [6] It is never glad about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins  
36 out. [7] Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through  
37 every circumstance.

38 [8] Love will last forever, but prophecy and speaking in unknown languages and  
39 special knowledge will all disappear. [9] Now we know only a little, and even the gift of  
40 prophecy reveals little! [10] But when the end comes, these special gifts will all

1 disappear.

2 [11] It's like this: When I was a child, I spoke and thought and reasoned as a child  
3 does. But when I grew up, I put away childish things. [12] Now we see things imperfectly  
4 as in a poor mirror, but then we will see everything with perfect clarity. All that I know  
5 now is partial and incomplete, but then I will know everything completely, just as God  
6 knows me now.

7 [13] There are three things that will endure—faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of  
8 these is love.

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- 10 1. Love is patient. It never gives up hope.
- 11 2. The person who has love is kind. Jesus constantly showed kindness.
- 12 3. Love is devoid of envy.
- 13 4. Love is not boastful or proud. *“Christ’s love is to put a seal upon your lips and*  
14 *forget what you have done. After you have been kind, after love has stolen forth into the*  
15 *world and done its beautiful work, go back into the shade again and say nothing about*  
16 *it.”* (Drummond / The Greatest Thing in the World / p. 18)
- 17 5. A person who loves is not rude. (Behave itself unseemly I Cor. 13:5)
- 18 6. A person who has love is unselfish.
- 19 7. A person who loves is not easily angered.
- 20 8. The person who loves keeps no record of wrongs.
- 21 9. The person who loves does not delight in evil but rejoices in the truth.

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### 23 A PERSONAL CHART OF PROGRESS

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25 CHARACTERISTIC	ALWAYS	USUALLY	SOMETIMES	SELDOM	NEVER
26 Patience					
27 Kindness					
28 Not envious					
29 Humility					
30 Courtesy					
31 Unselfishness					
32 Good Temper					
33 Not Offended					
34 Not Suspicious					
35 Honorable					
36 Truthful					
37 Avoids Evil					

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### 39 CHRIST’S CHARGE AGAINST THE CHURCH AT EPHESUS:

40 Probably no other New Testament congregation received more personal teaching from  
41 Paul than the church in Ephesus. For three years the apostle taught the believers there  
42 the great truths of the Gospel (see Acts 19 and 20) But as time went by, the Ephesian  
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1 Christians apparently became lukewarm in their devotion to the Lord. Note Christ's  
2 challenge and rebuke to them in **Rev. 2:4** **Nevertheless I have somewhat against**  
3 **thee, because thou hast left thy first love.**  
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5 Let us take personal note today about our love for Christ. Do we do what we do out  
6 of a feeling of responsibility alone, or is there a true passion for Christ that grows with  
7 each day?  
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## 10 J O Y

### 12 Galatians 5:22

13 **But the fruit of the Spirit is ... joy...**  
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15 Some years ago, I had the joy of spending two days with famed film star and cowgirl,  
16 Dale Evans, wife of legendary western star Roy Rogers. Dale was a wonderful  
17 Christian and follower of our Lord. I said to her one day, "Dale, you always seem so  
18 happy." She said, "Oh, Dan, it's much more than being 'happy.' It's 'the joy of  
19 the Lord.'" I have never forgotten that. We discuss that very joy now, one of the  
20 nine fruit of the Holy Spirit.

21 The word "joy" in Galatians 5:22 is the Greek word *chara*. It means a joy whose  
22 foundation is God. Chara is not a joy which comes from earthly things, but it is based  
23 upon a relationship with God.  
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25 Joy means a state of cheerfulness, calm delight and great gladness as a characteristic of  
26 the Christian nature. It has far more meaning than momentary happiness based on some  
27 circumstance. For example: Paul wrote the book of Philippians (often called The Joy  
28 Letter) while a prisoner. **Philip. 4:11-12 Not that I speak in respect of want: for I**  
29 **have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content. [12] I know both**  
30 **how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am**  
31 **instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.**

32 JESUS' FOLLOWERS SHOULD BE REJOICING PEOPLE BECAUSE CHRIST  
33 HIMSELF WAS A JOYFUL PERSON!  
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### 35 Luke 10:21

36 In that hour Jesus rejoiced in spirit, and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven  
and earth, that thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed  
them unto babes: even so, Father; for so it seemed good in thy sight.

1 He rejoiced over the lost sheep that was found: **Luke 15:5** And when he hath found  
2 it, he layeth it on his shoulders, rejoicing.

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4 Note this marvelous prophecy concerning Jesus: **Psalm 45:7**  
5 Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness: therefore God, thy God, hath  
6 anointed thee with the oil of joy (“gladness” in the KJV) above thy fellows.

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8 Jesus spoke of His joy: **John 15:11**  
9 These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your  
10 joy might be full.

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12 **John 17:13**  
13 And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have  
14 my joy fulfilled in themselves.

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16 AND ONE OF THE MOST UNUSUAL PASSAGES IN ALL THE WORD OF GOD:

17 **Hebrews 12:2**  
18 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set  
19 before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of  
20 the throne of God.

It is more than coincidence that Paul began the listing of the fruit of the Holy Spirit with LOVE....followed by JOY. All the fruit of the Holy Spirit are fertilized by LOVE. All human joy flows from love: love for people, love for life, love for God. **1 Peter 3:10**

**For he that will love life**, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile:

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22 It is sad to see professing believers who have little joy. They are not very attractive  
23 advertisements for those outside of Christ.

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25 THE BELIEVER FINDS GREAT RESERVOIRS OF JOY IN:

26  
27 1. The Holy Spirit **Acts 2:46**  
28 And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from  
29 house to house, did eat their meat with gladness (joy) and singleness of heart...

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31 **Romans 14:17**  
32 For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in  
33 the Holy Ghost.

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1 2. God's Presence The words of Mary: **Luke 1:47**  
2 And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

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4 **Philip. 4:4**  
5 Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice.

Jack Shuler once preached a great sermon on the prerogatives of a believer facing trials:  
He can 1) Resent 2) Resign or #) Rejoice.

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7 **Psalm 16:11**  
8 Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand  
9 there are pleasures for evermore.

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11 **John 20:20**  
12 And when he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the  
13 disciples glad, when they saw the Lord.

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15 3. GOD'S BLESSING **Psalm 126:3**  
16 The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad.

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18 **Romans 15:13**  
19 Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound  
20 in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

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22 **1 Thes. 3:9**  
23 For what thanks can we render to God again for you, for all the joy wherewith we joy  
24 for your sakes before our God;

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26 4. OUR BLESSED HOPE - THE COMING OF THE LORD

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28 Romans 5:2-5  
29 By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and **rejoice in**  
30 **hope of the glory of God**. [3] And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing  
31 that tribulation worketh patience; [4] And patience, experience; and experience, hope: [5]  
32 And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by  
33 the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

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35 5. JOY IN GIVING  
36 **Acts 20:35**  
37 I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and  
38 to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to

1 receive.

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3 **Luke 6:38**

4 Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken  
5 together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure  
6 that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.

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8 6. SUFFERING AND JOY

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10 **James 1:2**

11 Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds,

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13 **1 Thes. 1:6**

14 You became imitators of us and of the Lord; in spite of severe suffering, you  
15 welcomed the message with the joy given by the Holy Spirit.

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17 **Hebrews 10:34**

18 You sympathized with those in prison and joyfully accepted the confiscation of your  
19 property, because you knew that you yourselves had better and lasting possessions.

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21 **1 Peter 4:13**

22 But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be  
23 overjoyed when his glory is revealed.

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25 HINDRANCES TO JOY

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27 1. Discouragement and Melancholy

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29 **Luke 24:15-17** (The two followers of Christ on the Emmaus Road)

30 And it came to pass, that, while they communed together and reasoned, Jesus himself  
31 drew near, and went with them. [16] But their eyes were holden that they should not  
32 know him. [17] And he said unto them, What manner of communications are these that  
33 ye have one to another, as ye walk, and are sad?

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35 2. Bitterness, resentment, lack of love, wrong desires and other non-Christ-like attitudes  
36 will plug up any fountains of joy you have in you.

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39 *Next Study: The Remaining Fruit of the Spirit Wednesday, September 5 7 P.M.*

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