

The New Testament Church
The Holy Spirit #7 – Gifts and Fruit of the Spirit
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I Review of John 14-17 – Jesus teaching on the Holy Spirit’s “job description”

- A. The Holy Spirit is God - the one (transcendant) and many (imminent) - Elohim
 - 1. Jn. 20:21-22 – Jesus appeared – *peace I give you, receive the Holy Spirit – regenerated*
 - 2. Acts 2:1-4 – The day of Pentecost – *be baptized in the Holy Spirit - empowerment*
- B. John 14-17 - Great Transition – Holy Spirit **comforts** and **convicts** – defending our position
 - 1. **Comfort us** – help us live in the Holy Spirit
 - 2. **Convicts us** – as an attorney, defends us before the enemy, reveals pride and sin
- C. Christ sent the Holy Spirit in fulfillment of the Old Testament Feast of Pentecost
 - 1. We can be “baptized in the Spirit” – a door into walking in the Spirit - supernatural
 - 2. Praying in tongues (or in the Spirit) edifies our faith to enter the refiner’s fire

II The Gifts and Fruit of the Spirit – Exodus 28:33-35 (**the fear of God**); Isaiah 61:10

- A. *Pomegranates* – a middle eastern fruit known for its *many seeds*
 - 1. This is the *primary emphasis of the Holy Spirit* – producing **fruit (character)**
 - a. 2nd Corinthians 3:18 – *transformed into the same image – glory to glory*
 - b. Romans 8:29 – *conformed to the image of His Son, firstborn among many*
 - c. Fruit in Greek – *karpos* – the “return of an investment” – God desires a return for the investment He has made in our lives – it is not just for us! It is for His glory!
 - 2. We plant more seeds in others through fruit-bearing – “the seed is in the fruit”
 - a. Blue – heavenly image – defined by God – Gal. 5:19-21 – *love, joy, peace...*
 - b. Purple – royalty – prepared to govern and rule – “reigning in life by Christ”
 - c. Scarlet – sacrifice – the way of the cross – the “refiner’s fire”
 - 3. ***How does the Spirit get us and others to endure the fire necessary to form character?***
 - B. *Bells* – symbolize joy and worship in God’s presence
 - 1. The Greek for gift is *charis* – meaning grace, ability – impartation of His life
 - 2. 1st Corinthians 12:4-6 – Father, Son and Holy Spirit manage the gifts for fruit
 - 3. 1st Cor. 12:7 - *the manifestation (expression) of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all (the common good) – **gifts indicate that we are alive!***
 - 4. 1st Corinthians 12:8-11 – gifts of fellowship, power, and revelation
 - a. Fellowship – tongues, interpretation and prophecy
 - b. Power – healings, miracles, faith
 - c. Revelation – discerning of spirits, word of knowledge, word of wisdom
 - C. Why was the robe of the High Priest adorned with **bells and pomegranates**
 - 1. We are to be clothed with the “robe of righteousness” – Isaiah 61:10
 - a. Righteousness is “right living” – in heart (grace) *and* action (truth) – Rev. 19:8
 - b. Imputed righteousness – Christ’s righteousness credited to us by grace (our position)
 - c. Imparted righteousness – The transformative work of the Holy Spirit that causes us to grow to be more like Christ (truth) in our experience – the character of our Lord
 - d. We need the bell (grace) to inspire us to embrace the character (fruit) of Christ
 - 2. Gifts give us an *incentive to grow* – the comfort of the Holy Spirit
 - 3. Fruit give us the *standard* of Christ – the conviction of the Holy Spirit
- Gifts are given by grace, but ministries are validated by the character of Christ in us**