

Holy Spirit Sabbath School Lessons
Lesson 7 – The Holy Spirit and the Fruit of the Spirit

Sabbath Afternoon:

Quoted texts: John 15:1–11, Gal. 5:22, 1 Corinthians 13, Rom. 14:17, Eph. 5:9, Matt. 5:5.

John 15:1-11 “I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. ²Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. ³Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. ⁴Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. ⁶If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. ⁷If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. ⁸Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples. ⁹As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love. ¹⁰If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. ¹¹These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.”

The above text, when read in its context, without adding or taking away anything from what is plainly said by Jesus Christ himself, shows clearly what the fruit is that Jesus is talking about.

Especially when read in the context of the other chapters around it, ch 14-17, where Jesus says plainly that He will come to them as their comforter”

Here Jesus promised to abide in his disciples, “I in you”, “I in him”, “and my words abide in you” . He does this by His word, which he said are “spirit and life” which as we have seen previously he abides in us by “the spirit of Christ” or “the life of Christ”

This fruit, as “the life of Christ” is the character of Christ and will be manifested in the “fruit of the Spirit” mentioned below...

Galatians 5:22 “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,”
If the “Spirit of Christ” dwells in us then naturally that same spirit will show forth it’s fruit in the life of the believer, because the life of Christ within cannot be hidden.

1 Corinthians 13:1-13 “Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. 2. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. 3. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing. 4. Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, 5. Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; 6. Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; 7. Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. 8. Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. 9. For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. 10. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. 11. When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things. 12. For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known. 13. And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.”

God is love so “the Spirit of God” which is the life of God, will show forth in the ultimate revelation of God in the life, which is love.

Romans 14:14-18 “I know, and am persuaded by the Lord Jesus, that there is nothing unclean of itself: but to him that esteemeth any thing to be unclean, to him it is unclean. 15. But if thy brother be grieved with thy meat, now walkest thou not charitably. Destroy not him with thy meat, for whom Christ died. 16. Let not then your good be evil spoken of: 17. For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. 18. For he that in these things serveth Christ is acceptable to God, and approved of men.”

Ephesians 5:6-10 “Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. 7. Be not ye therefore partakers with them. 8. For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light: 9. (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;) 10. Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord.

The above two texts, when read in their context, instead of just quoting one verse out of context, show that they are talking about God and Jesus Christ, not about a third god the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 5:5 “Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.”

Memory Text:

Galatians 5:22-24 “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23. Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. 24. And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.”

*The comments start with a true statement “**The fruit of the Spirit is the true essence of the Christian life.**” but sadly the author of the lesson doesn't believe what they have written there. What does the word “**Christian**” mean?*

Those who are the followers of Christ, those who have Christ abiding within.

Those who walk in newness of the life of Christ.

*This is only possible if Christ dwells in us by “**the spirit of Christ**” which brings forth “**the fruit of the Spirit**” which can be written also as “**the fruit of the Spirit of Christ**” in the believer's life.*

*The comments then go on to introduce total confusion by mixing truth with gross error by first stating the truth that “**All the virtues that are listed in Galatians 5:22-23 are present in Jesus Christ.***

Hence the fruit of the Spirit is the life of Jesus Christ in us,” they should have left it there for that is the truth, but then they mix it with total error by turning the readers eyes away from Jesus Christ, who is the truth, and stating “made possible through the power of the Holy Spirit.”, making of none effect the truth and introducing another being called “the Holy Spirit” and then goes on in the next paragraph to expand on that error by adding more falsehood to it stating “When the Holy Spirit connects us with Jesus,”

*The Holy Spirit is “**the spirit of Christ**”, so it is not one being connecting us with another being, but Jesus Christ connecting us with himself by His own spirit dwelling in us by His word.*

*As Jesus himself so plainly says “**I am the vine, ye are the branches**” that means we are connected to Christ himself, by “**the Spirit of Christ**” not someone else.*

The following quote makes the truth so plain, none can get it wrong...

“Those who are **one with Christ have the mind of Christ**, and work **the works of Christ**. They are ever improving, ever drawing nearer to God, ever **uplifting the soul to Jesus**. By beholding the world's Redeemer, they become **changed into his image**. A new spiritual life is created, a new motive-power supplied. When one is fully emptied of self, when every false god is cast out of the soul, the vacuum is supplied by **the inflowing of the Spirit of Christ**. Such a one has the faith which works by love and purifies the soul from every moral and spiritual defilement. **The Holy Spirit, the Comforter, can work upon the heart**, influencing, directing, so that he enjoys spiritual things. He is “after the Spirit,” and he minds the things of the Spirit. He has no confidence in self; **Christ is all in all**. Truth is constantly being unfolded by the Holy Spirit; he receives with meekness the engrafted Word, and he gives the Lord all the glory, saying. “God has revealed them to us by **his** Spirit.” “Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but **the Spirit which is of God**; that we might know the things which are freely given to us of God.” The Spirit that reveals, also works in him the fruits of righteousness. **Christ is in him**, “a well of water, springing up into everlasting life.” **He is a branch of the True Vine**, and bears rich clusters of fruit to the glory of God. What is the character of the fruit borne?—“**The fruit of the Spirit** is love.” Mark the words,—love, not hatred; it is joy, not discontent and mourning; peace, not irritation, anxiety, and manufactured trials. It is “long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance; against such there is no law.” – {**Special Testimonies A01b 22.2**}

Placed together with the following, it becomes even clearer...

“It is not essential for you to know and be able to define just what the Holy Spirit is. Christ tells us that **the Holy Spirit is the Comforter, and the Comforter is the Holy Ghost**, “**the Spirit of truth**, which

the Father shall send in My name.” “I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you for ever; even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him: but ye know Him, for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you” [John 14:16, 17]. **This refers to the omnipresence of the Spirit of Christ, called the Comforter.** Again Jesus says, “I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit when He, the Spirit of truth is come, He will guide you into all truth” [John 16:12, 13].” – {14 Manuscript Release 179.2}

“How essential that we have the enlightenment of **the Spirit of God**; for thus only can we see the glory of Christ, and by beholding become changed from character to character in and **through faith in Christ**. We turn from the picture of our shortcomings to behold the atonement made for us, and we rejoice as we know that we may be **clothed with Christ’s righteousness**. In Him all fulness dwells. He has grace and pardon for every soul. As by faith we look to Jesus, our faith pierces the shadow, and we adore God for His wondrous love in giving **Jesus the Comforter.**” – {19 Manuscript Release 297.3}

“**Preston, Melbourne, July 23, 1892**—The nights are long and painful, but **Jesus is my Comforter** and my Hope. Today I have been able to sit up very little. I receive no encouragement from my neighbors, who are unbelievers. They say that I will certainly be a cripple for life; but I know that they do not know. They do not realize that the truth obeyed binds our hearts up with God. We have a Saviour who can heal. David was one who made the Most High his habitation. And although David was rebuked and punished by God for his departing from righteousness, yet the Lord, seeing him penitent and humble, forgave his sins and took him into covenant relation with Himself. – {19 Manuscript Release 296.2}

The truth cannot be made any plainer than these statements and space would not be enough to show so many more clear statements along the same lines.

Sunday:

The Condition of Fruitfulness

John 15:1-11 “I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. ²Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. ³**Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.** ⁴Abide in me, and **I in you**. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and **I in him**, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for **without me ye can do nothing**. ⁶If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. ⁷If ye abide in me, **and my words abide in you**, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. ⁸Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples. ⁹As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love. ¹⁰If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father’s commandments, and abide in his love. ¹¹These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.”

The questions connected to this quoted text are good questions, and show, even in the questions, that it is Jesus Christ himself that we have a living relationship with and it is in Him that we abide, or He in us, not some other mysterious other being.

Sadly, again and again they bring in confusion by showing the truth in the first two paragraphs in the comments, but then in the third paragraph introduce this mysterious trinitarian concept by separating Christ from His spirit and insinuating another being.

“The fruit of the Spirit is the character of Jesus.” Full stop, nothing else needed to be said, but then they add produced by the Holy Spirit in the followers of Christ” This is error.

*It is “**Spirit of Christ**” alone that can produce “**the character of Jesus**” “**in the followers of Christ**” Christ Jesus has His own divine omnipresent spirit, His own divine omnipresent life, why would He need to send someone else when He can represent Himself in us by “**the Spirit of Christ**”*

Much more could be said, as they continue to mix truth and error, but it is all the same.

Monday:

The Fruit of Love

Galatians 5:22 “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,”

1 Corinthians 13:1-13 “Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. 2. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. 3. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing. 4. Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, 5. Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; 6. Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; 7. Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. 8. Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. 9. For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. 10. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. 11. When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things. 12. For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known. 13. And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.”

1 John 4:7-10 “Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. 8. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. 9. In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that **God sent his only begotten Son into the world**, that we might live through him. 10. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that **he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.**

Romans 5:5-8 “And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us. 6. For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. 7. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. 8. But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Again, and again the above scriptures focus on the truth, that the fruit spoken of is only manifested in us by the Spirit of the one true God, who is the author of all love, God the Father. Notice that God the Father demonstrated that love to us by sending His only begotten Son. For God to be able to send His only begotten Son “into” the world, He had to have an only begotten Son to send in the first place.

The trinity doctrine denies this truth and tells us that there are three co-equal, co-eternal beings called God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. So, to the trinitarian the Father – Son relationship is just a metaphor or a role play. One member of the triune god taking the role of a father and another taking the role of a son. That is just plain blasphemy.

The whole of Christianity is built on the fact that God the Father is truly the Father of Jesus Christ, and that Jesus Christ is truly the only begotten Son of God. They are not acting out a play.

“God is the Father of Christ; Christ is the Son of God. To Christ has been given an exalted position. He has been made equal with the Father. All the counsels of God are opened to His Son. – {8T 268.3}

The Spirit of Prophecy warns about having anything to do with theatrics...

“Satan’s work is to lead men to ignore God, to so engross and absorb the mind that God will not be in their thoughts. The education they have received has been of a character to confuse the mind and eclipse the true light. Satan does not wish the people to have a knowledge of God; and if he can set in operation games and **theatrical performances** that will so confuse the senses of the young that human beings will perish in darkness while light shines all about them, he is well pleased. [6] – {AH 401.6}

“Among the most dangerous resorts for pleasure is the **theater**. Instead of being a school for morality and virtue, as is so often claimed, it is the very **hotbed of immorality**. **Vicious habits and sinful propensities are strengthened and confirmed by these entertainments**. Low songs, lewd gestures, expressions, and attitudes deprave the imagination and debase the morals. Every youth who habitually attends such exhibitions will be corrupted in principle. There is no influence in our land more powerful to poison the imagination, to destroy religious impressions, and to blunt the relish for the tranquil pleasures and sober realities of life than theatrical amusements. The love for these scenes increases with every indulgence as the desire for intoxicating drink strengthens with its use. **The only safe course is to shun the theater**, the circus, and every other questionable place of amusement. [14] – {AH 516.2}

“In many of the imagined improvements that have been brought in, the mould of man has been placed upon the work. In the Sabbath-school, men and women have been accepted as officers and teachers, who have not been spiritually minded, and had no live interest in the work committed to their care; but matters can be set in order only through the aid of the Holy Spirit. The same evil has existed for years as now exists in our churches. Formality, pride, and love of display have taken the place of true piety and humble godliness. We might see a different order of things should a number consecrate themselves wholly to God, and then devote their talents to the Sabbath-school work, ever advancing in knowledge, and educating themselves so that they would be able to instruct others as to the best methods to employ in the work; but it is not for the workers to seek for methods by which they can make a show, **consuming time in theatrical performances and musical display**, for this benefits no one. It does no good to train the children to make speeches for special occasions. They should be won to Christ, and instead of expending time, money, and effort to make a display, let the whole effort be made to gather sheaves for the harvest. – {CE 134.1}

How is it possible that the Spirit of Prophecy would warn so strongly against anything theatrical and then, at the same time use the Father and the Son to play theatrical roles themselves. This evidence shows that they are not playing roles or metaphors, but they have a real Father/Son relationship which is totally destroyed by the trinity doctrine.

Then to make things worse, in their blasphemy, they suggest that the reader pray to the Holy Spirit. We are never told in the Bible or the Spirit of Prophecy to pray to the Holy Spirit. That is the grossest heresy and is totally foreign to the worship of God.

We are told clearly in the scriptures to pray to God the Father and Jesus Christ for the infilling of the “spirit of Christ” or “the spirit of God” but never, ever to pray directly to a separate god the Holy Spirit. Truly this is the omega of deadly heresy that we have been warned about.

Tuesday: Joy, Peace, and Patience

Romans 14:14-18 “I know, and am persuaded by the Lord Jesus, that there is nothing unclean of itself: but to him that esteemeth any thing to be unclean, to him it is unclean. 15. But if thy brother be grieved with thy meat, now walkest thou not charitably. Destroy not him with thy meat, for whom Christ died. 16. Let not then your good be evil spoken of: 17. For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and **joy in the Holy Ghost**. 18. For he that in these things serveth Christ is acceptable to God, and approved of men.”

Compare this text with Jesus own words as follows...

John 15:11 “These things have I spoken unto you, that **my joy might remain in you**, and that your joy might be full.

Because it is “the spirit of Christ” that abides in us then it is through His spirit that we receive “joy in the Holy Ghost” It is the joy of Christ Jesus that He desires to remain in us. He also promised to give us His peace as shown in the following text.

John 14:27 "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

This "joy" and "peace" can only come to us through "the spirit of Christ".

2 Peter 3:9 "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

Yes, it is through His Holy Spirit, "the Spirit of God" that we can have patience.

Wednesday:

Kindness, Goodness, and Faithfulness

1 Corinthians 13:4 "Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,"

Ephesians 5:8-10 "For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light: 9. (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;) 10. Proving what is acceptable unto **the Lord.**"

Galatians 5:22-24 "But the **fruit of the Spirit** is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23. Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. 24. And **they that are Christ's** have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts."

As we have seen previously, and the above texts don't deny it but confirm it, that all of these attributes are part of the character of Jesus Christ which He sheds abroad in the hearts of His true followers by "the Spirit of Christ".

Ephesians 3:14-19 "For this cause I bow my knees unto **the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ**, 15. Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, 16. That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, **to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man**; 17. **That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith**; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, 18. May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; 19. And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, **that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.**"

Thursday:

Gentleness and Self-Control

The comments for Wednesday's lesson also hold for these last two attributes of the Spirit of Christ in the believer.

Notice that it says in the last paragraph on this page... "Christlikeness in all its facets is what really matters in the life of the believer"

The only way you can have Christlikeness is by Having Christ himself abiding within, through "the Spirit of Christ" not some other mysterious being that isn't Jesus himself.

It just doesn't make any sense at all that you would even mention "Christlikeness" and then attribute it to another being other than Christ.

Friday

Why do they need to go outside the church to find something to quote from when the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy is all that we need?

Amen to the quote from the Spirit of Prophecy. Everything we need is based on, as quoted, "the blessed hope that you have in Jesus"

We don't need the god of a false trinity doctrine, our only need, our only hope is in Christ Jesus our Lord through His holy spirit, "the Spirit of Christ"

Amen