

Sunday, August 15, 2021

1 Timothy 4:13, "Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching."

Title: How Do I Know I'm Filled?

Text: Galatian 5:22 - 23

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GOAL – To help give the congregation the understanding of the evidence of being filled with the Holy Spirit.

I have some favorite topics that I can preach or teach on all day. The first being discipleship...the second being Spirit filled. I taught a class called Fruitful living...where it was dedicated to living in the Spirit and bearing the fruit of the Spirit.

Galatians 5:16-26

What we are going to look at today is how do I know I am filled with the Holy Spirit...or how do I know I am living a Spirit filled life. This is a great question.

You have heard sermons that have told you to Walk in the Spirit, be filled with the Spirit. And maybe you have left thinking what does this mean.

What is this "walking by the Spirit"? There are two images in the which shed light on the meaning of "walk by the Spirit."

The first is in Galatians 5: 18: "*If you are led by the Spirit you are not under law.*" Paul had said, "*If you follow the Spirit you are not under law,*" it would have been true, but in using the passive voice ("*If you are led*") he emphasizes the Spirit's work, not ours.

So "*walk by the Spirit*" means stay hooked up to the divine source of power and go wherever he leads.

The second image of our walk in the Spirit is in verse 22: "*The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, etc.*" If our Christian walk is to be a walk of love and joy and peace, then "*walk by the Spirit*" must mean "*bear the fruit of the Spirit.*"

John 15:4-5: "*Abide in me, and I in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in me, and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit.*"

So "*walk by the Spirit*" means "*abide in the vine.*" Keep yourself securely united to the living Christ. Don't cut yourself off from the flow of the Spirit.

So it begins when we accept Christ and as we accept him the Holy Spirit comes in live inside of all of us.

Jeremiah 17: 6-10

Jeremiah 17:8-9 "*He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit.*" *The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?"*

So being Spirit filled begins with abiding in Christ. As we abide something begins to reveal in our lives that shows we are Spirit filled. And we see it Jeremiah...Those who abide in Christ bear fruit. What Fruit do we bear...the fruit of the Holy Spirit

Now the fruit I am talking about is found in Galatians 5:22-24 "*But the Fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires.*"

Matthew 7:15 - 23

"15 *Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. 16 By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? 17 Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. 18 A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. 19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 20 Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them. 21 "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. 22 Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?' 23 Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'*"

1 Samuel 16:7, "*But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for God sees not as man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."*

Colossians 3:12-14

"12 *Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. 13 Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. 14 And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity"*

Happiness and Joy

Happiness is a glad feeling that depends on something good happening. Think of joy as a strong foundation that supports a variety of healthy emotions, including happiness.