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Gathering with Life Groups **instead of** at The Gathering Place



Experiencing New Life

First Arc - Our roots / foundation

Second Arc - Learning to Abide

Third Arc - Fruitful Life

- **1. Recognize the Struggle.**
- 2. Understand the Role of the Holy Spirit.
- 3. Experience what He will do.

Recognize the Struggle

• One kind of fruit is the product of our selfish

nature and is in Opposition to the New Life

• The other kind of fruit is directed by the Holy Spirit

This is a <u>struggle</u> between our selfish nature and the Holy Spirit of God. **Galatians 5:17**

"The old sinful nature loves to do evil, which is just opposite

from what the Holy Spirit wants. And the Spirit gives us desires

that are opposite from what the sinful nature desires. The two

forces are constantly fighting each other and your choices are

never free from this conflict..."

Opposition–Romans 6:12

- "Do not let sin control the way you live,
- Do not give in to its lustful desires,
- Do not let any part of your body become a tool for wickedness."



Opposition–Romans 8:5-6

- "Those who are dominated by the sinful nature <u>think</u> about sinful things.
- If your sinful nature controls your mind, there is death.
- The sinful nature is <u>always</u> hostile to God....."

Opposition–Romans 8:7

- ".....It (the sinful nature) never did obey God's laws and it never will.
- That's why those who are still under the control of their sinful nature can never please God."



We have the Holy Spirit!!

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When did we receive Him?

"In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise...." Ephesians 1:13-14

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How long will He stay with us?

"And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever..." John 14:16 ESV

Role of the Holy Spirit What does He want to do in us?

"And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. And be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ Jesus also has forgiven you."

Holy Spirit

Is anything too hard for Him?

"And He has said to me, My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness." 2 Corinthians 12:9



Holy Spirit

What can I do so God can work in and through me?

'And he gives grace generously. As the Scriptures say, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." So humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come close to God, and God will come close to you...'

1 John 4:6-8.

Experience What He Will Do-Romans 8:5-6

- "Those controlled by the Holy Spirit <u>think</u> about things that please the Spirit.
- If the Holy Spirit controls your mind, there is life and peace."

Holy Spirit Controls Our Lives

- GPS Example
- 1. Set it and forget it?
- 2. Don't trust it?



Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross and crucified them there.

Galatians 5:24

If we are living now by the Holy Spirit, let us follow the Holy Spirit's leading in every part of our lives.

Galatians 5:25

As we follow His direction, His fruit will appear

Fruit—-'That which originates or comes from something. An effect or result.'

The Fruit of the Spirit are the qualities of God, being borne out in our lives.



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*Spiritual Fruit—Originates from God, Grows by God's design, and for His purposes.

*We are responsible for a 'plot of land'. We are not the one who makes the good fruit or who make the good fruit grow.

But when the Holy Spirit controls our lives, he will produce this kind of fruit in

US....

Galatians 5:22

Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Galatians 5:22-23



Give freely whether other person deserves it or not.

John 3:16

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish, but have eternal life"

Joy-

Focusing on God's purposes for the events in one's life rather than the circumstances.

Purpose over Circumstances Perspective



Not the absence of turmoil.

Peace is present where a soul is assured of Salvation therefore he fears nothing from God AND is content with his earthly lot.



Patience/Longsuffering-

Endure ill treatment without lashing out.

Romans 9:22 "God has every right to exercise his judgement and his power, but he also has the right to be very patient with those who are the objects of his judgement and are fit only for destruction."

Patience/Longsuffering-

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Ephesians 4:2-3: "Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of our love. Always keep yourselves united with the Holy Spirit....."



Romans 2:4 "Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and restraint and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance?"





1 Peter 2:9 "...for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light."



Faithful-

Devoted to others, to be relied on.

Psalm 77:11-12 "I recall all you have done, O Lord; I remember your wonderful deeds of long ago. They are constantly in my thoughts I cannot stop thinking about them."



Gentleness/Meekness-

Meek ≠ pushover Has power but defers to others

2 Peter 3:8 "The Lord isn't really being slow about this promise to return, as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to perish, so he is giving more time for everyone to repent."



Releasing our grip on making decisions and choosing to be controlled by the Holy Spirit.

Moment by Moment, I can make a choice.



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- Preparation
 - Identity
 - Woundedness & Reliance
 - Forgiveness & Reconciliation
- Habits
 - Tempo of Life
 - Devotion to Prayer
 - Devotion to the Word
- Results
 - o <u>Generosity</u>
 - Sharing from a joyful heart
 - Fruit of the Spirit
 - Vision for life

New Life Series Outline Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

2 Corinthians 5:17



