

REVIVE US

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HUB GROUP NOTES

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The Holy Spirit Transforms our Character

One of the major works of the Holy Spirit is to transform the character of believers. He wants to take your life and make it look more like Christ's life. There are two major parts of the process: 1) increasing the Christ-like actions in our lives, and 2) gradually eliminating sinful habits.

1. The characteristics the Holy Spirit produces in believers are called spiritual fruit and some of them are listed in Galatians.

- A. Galatians 5:22-23 *"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law".*
 - As you think of these characteristics, are some more appealing than others? How do you think the Spirit works to develop these characteristics?
- B. Galatians 5:16 *"So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh".*
 - What do you think it means to "walk by the Spirit"? How would you explain the concept of the "flesh" to a new believer?
- C. Romans 8:6 *"The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace."*
 - What does it mean to allow the Spirit to govern your mind? What does it mean if a believer is not experiencing "life and peace"?

2. Sanctification is the process of the Holy Spirit stripping away our sinful habits and bringing us into holiness. Think of it like peeling back an onion. There are layers.

- A. 2 Corinthians 3:18 *"But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit."*

- How would you describe the transformation process that is being discussed in this verse? Can you think of stories from the Bible that would illustrate this process?
- B. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-22 *“Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not treat prophecies with contempt but test them all; hold on to what is good, reject every kind of evil.”*
 - This passage is part of Paul’s final instructions to the church at Thessalonica. What do you think he means when he tells them, “Do not quench the Spirit”?
- C. Hebrews 9:14 *“How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!”*
 - What is the significance of the idea that the Spirit “cleanses our conscience”? Is this another way of saying our sins are forgiven or does it have an additional meaning? What the purpose of this cleansing process?
- D. 1 Corinthians 6:11 *“And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.”*
 - How would you define sanctification?

How are the two processes - becoming more like Christ as we experience the fruit of the Spirit in our lives and the process of sanctification - connected?

Do you think they are sequential?

2020 BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER REQUESTS:

Father, pour out your Spirit on us and move us forward together.

Father, please retire the Worship Center mortgage by 2025.

Father, please use us to build a reproducing church among an unreached people by 2030.