

# The Fruit of the Spirit

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# Our Series

- **Last Time: The Spirit in the OT**



# Follow-up question

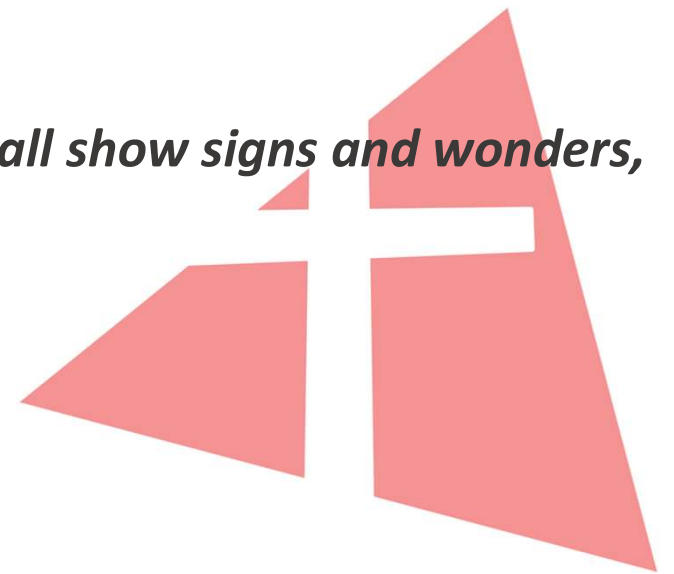
- **How do I know whether I am filled with the Holy Spirit?**



# A common misunderstanding

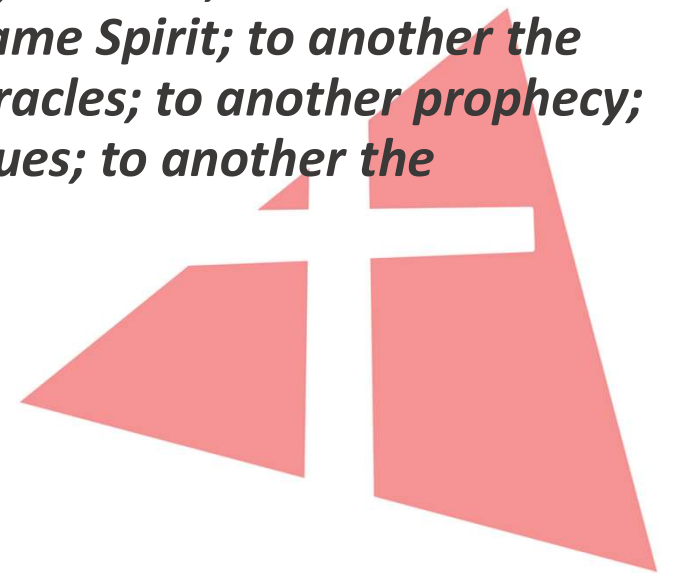
- A sad story

*Mark 13:22 For false Christs and false prophets shall rise, and shall show signs and wonders, to seduce, if it were possible, even the elect.*



# Spiritual Gifts

*1 Corinthians 12:8-10 For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another various kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:*



# Jesus' warning

*Matthew 7:21-22 Not every one that says unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in your name? and in your name have cast out demons? and in your name done many wonderful works?*

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*Matthew 7:23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, you that work iniquity.*



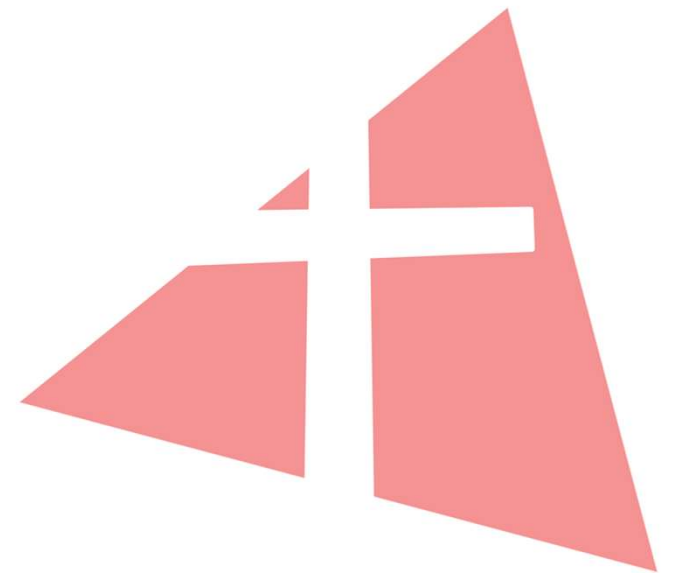
# The Fruit of the Spirit

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# The purpose of fruit

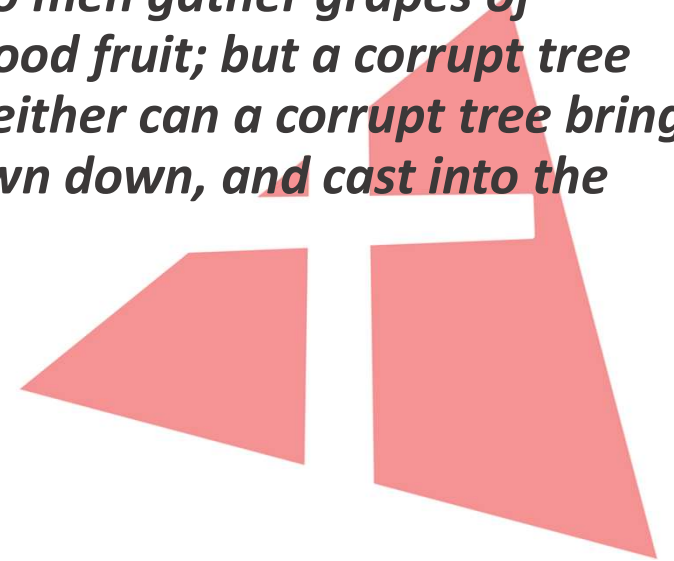
- **Fruit multiplies**





# Jesus' Words

*Matthew 7:15-20 Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. You shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree brings forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree brings forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that brings not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Therefore by their fruits you shall know them.*

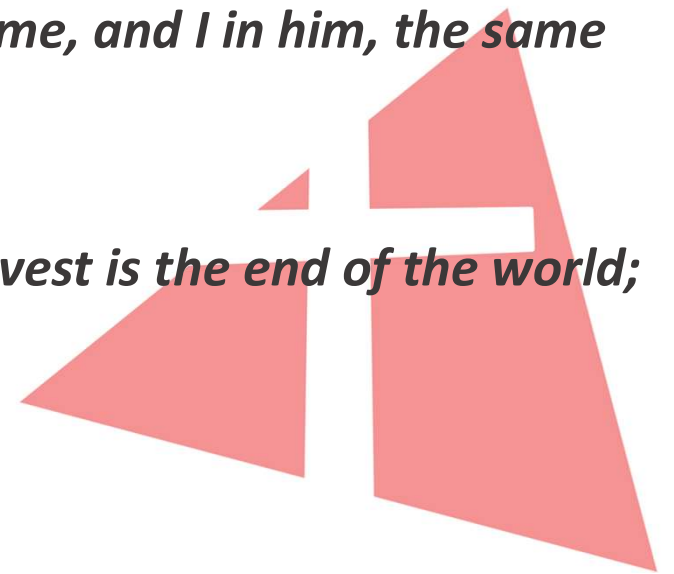


# Fruit grows

- Fruit that is alive grows

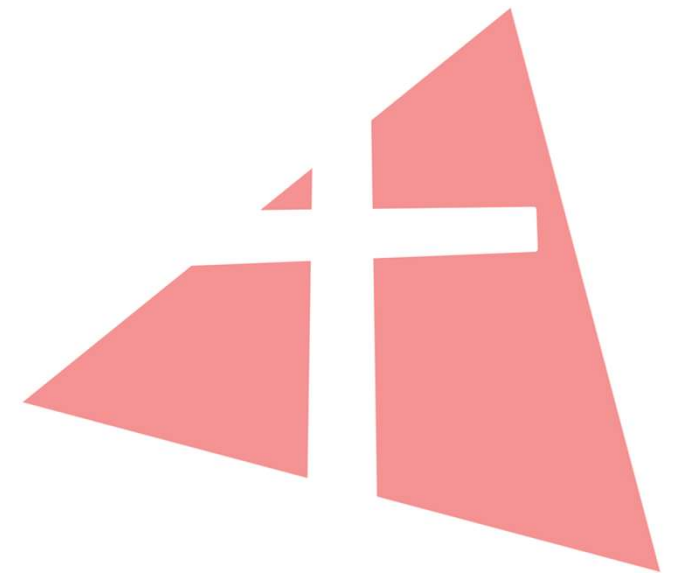
*John 15:5 I am the vine, you are the branches: He that abides in me, and I in him, the same brings forth much fruit: for without me you can do nothing.*

*Matthew 13:39 The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels.*



# Back to the Fruit of the Spirit

- **True Christians reflect the fruit of the Holy Spirit to others**
- **True Christians produce the fruit of the Holy Spirit in others**
- **True Christians grow in the fruit of the Holy Spirit**



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# Love

*1 Corinthians 13:4-8 Love suffers long, and is kind; love envies not; love vaunts not itself, is not puffed up, Does not behave itself rudely, seeks not her own, is not easily provoked, keeps no record of evil; Rejoices not in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; Bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails: ...*



# Joy

*χαρά chará, khar-ah'*

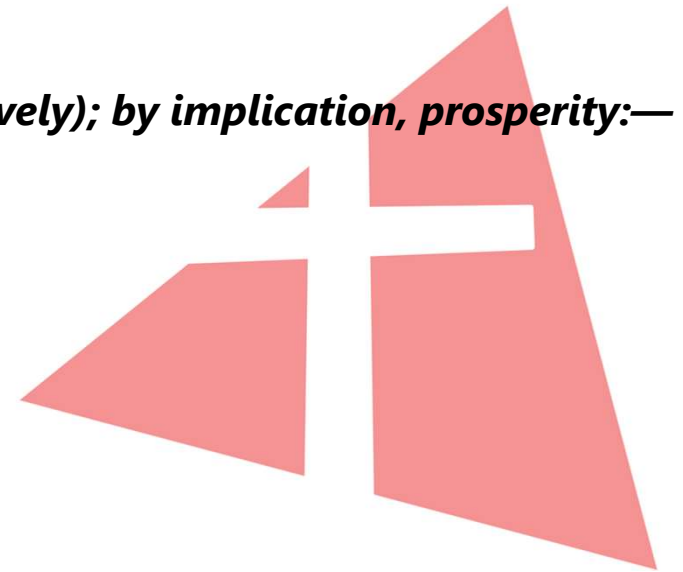
*from [G5463](#); cheerfulness, i.e. calm delight:—gladness, × greatly, (× be exceeding) joy(-ful, -fully, -fulness, -ous).*



# Peace

*εἰρήνη eirēnē, i-ray'-nay*

*probably from a primary verb εἶπω eírō (to join); peace (literally or figuratively); by implication, prosperity:—  
one, peace, quietness, rest, + set at one again.*



# Activities and Fruit of the Holy Spirit

- The Fruit of the Holy Spirit is a result of the activities of the Holy Spirit

*Romans 5:5 And hope makes not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who is given unto us.*

*1 John 4:19 We love him, because he first loved us.*





# The solution

- Not “trying harder”
- Asking God for the Holy Spirit instead

*Luke 11:13 If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?*

