

Introduction: What is the Holy Spirit's top priority?

- According to Jesus - John 14 – 16

- According to the early Church - Acts 1-5

- According to the apostle's teaching -
2 Corinthians 3:17-18
James 1:2-4
Ephesians 4:13
Romans 8:29

Summary:

The Spirit's primary purpose is to _____ me
into the "Image of Christ."

What is Christ-likeness or spiritual fruit?

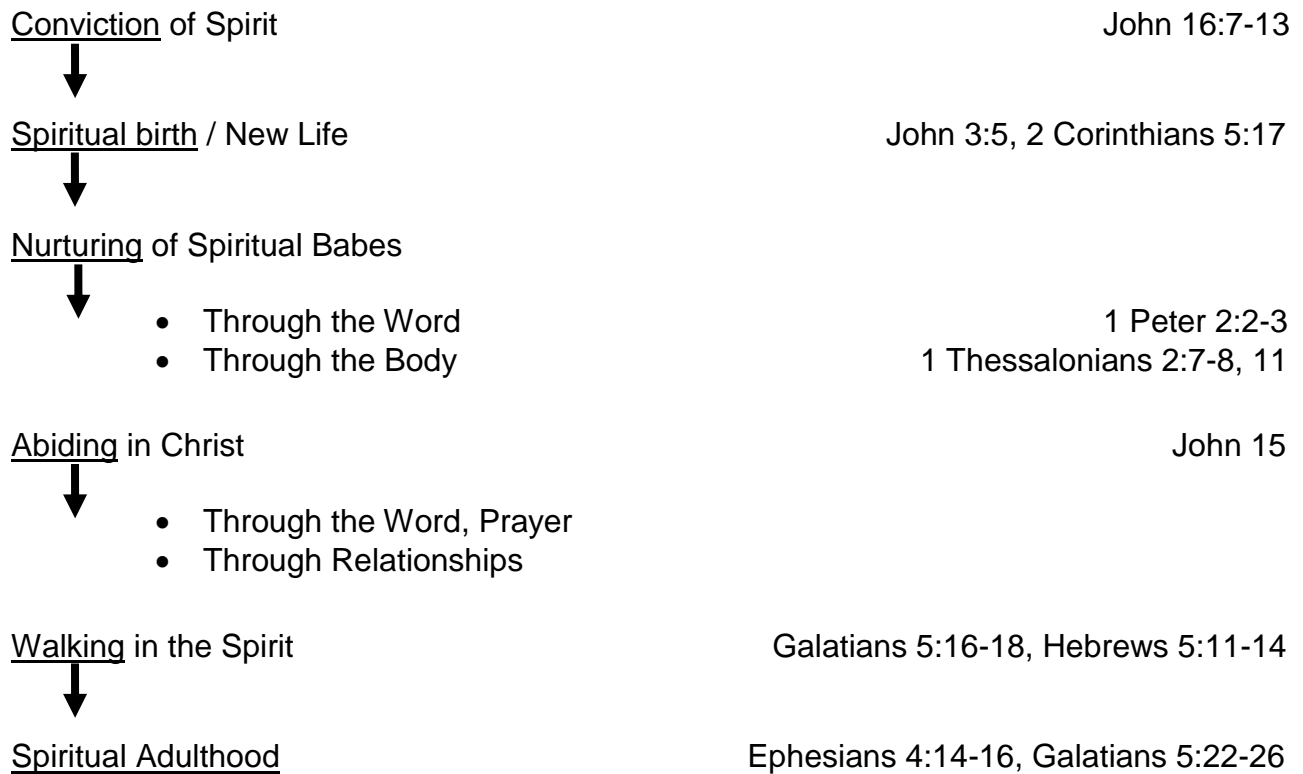
Galatians 5:22-23

- Love }
Joy } In our relationship with God
Peace }

- Patience }
Kindness } In our relationship to others
Goodness }

- Faithfulness }
Gentleness } In our relationship with ourselves
Self-Control }

How is spiritual fruit developed?



How does the spiritual life work?

1. Spirituality is the life of Christ.
 - Ephesians 3:16-17
 - Philippians 1:21
 - Galatians 5:19-23
2. Spirituality is the life of Christ, reproduced in the believer.
 - 2 Corinthians 5:17
 - Galatians 2:20
 - 2 Corinthians 4:5-10
3. Spirituality is the life of Christ, reproduced in the believer, by the power of the Holy Spirit.
 - Acts 1:8
 - Galatians 5:16, 25
 - Romans 8:1-17
4. Spirituality is the life of Christ, reproduced in the believer, by the power of the Holy Spirit, in obedience / response to the Word of God.
 - Hebrews 5:11-14
 - John 8:31-32
 - James 1:19-27

Conclusion: Are you in step with the Spirit?

Discussion Questions:

1. What is the Holy Spirit's primary purpose in our lives?
2. What does this spiritual transformation look like? What does Galatians 5:22-23 call this work of the Spirit in us?
3. What did you learn about the "Fruit of the Spirit," what was most helpful?
4. How does understanding how the spiritual life works help you cooperate with God's plans for your transformation?
5. What specific step of faith/ obedience would allow you to keep "in step" with the Spirit's fruit-producing ministry in your life? When and how will you take that step?