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

• According to <u>Jesus -</u>

• According to the early Church -

• 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."

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Acts 1-5

John 14 – 16

Are You In Step with the Holy Spirit?

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What is Christ-likeness or spiritual fruit?

Galatians 5:22-23

Love Joy Peace

Patience Kindness Goodness In our relationship to <u>others</u>

 Faithfulness
 Gentleness

 Gentleness
 In our relationship with <u>ourselves</u>

 Self-Control
 Self-Control

How is spiritual fruit developed?

Conviction of Spirit Spiritual birth / New Life

Nurturing of Spiritual Babes

- Through the Word
- Through the Body

Abiding in Christ

- Through the Word, Prayer
- Through Relationships

Walking in the Spirit

Spiritual Adulthood

John 16:7-13

John 3:5, 2 Corinthians 5:17

1 Peter 2:2-3 1 Thessalonians 2:7-8, 11

John 15

Galatians 5:16-18, Hebrews 5:11-14

Ephesians 4:14-16, Galatians 5:22-26

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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, <u>by the power of the</u> <u>Holy Spirit.</u>
 - 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

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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 Sprit's fruit-producing ministry in your life? When and how will you take that step?

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