

The Fruit of...

- After the harvest, when the wind has blown all the leaves from the tree, only an expert can identify each tree.
- Even in spring and early summer as they break forth in leaves and flowers, it is still difficult for most of us.
- Yet at the harvest we all become “*experts*” since all trees are easily identified then.
- Jesus used this to help us identify people and to see ourselves more clearly.

A Good Tree and A Bad Tree

- Every Tree reveals itself by the fruit it produces.
- *For a good tree does not bear bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. 44 For every tree is known by its own fruit.*
- Every man / woman also reveal themselves.
- *A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good*
- *an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil*
- What do they bring forth? Their words
- *For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks. Lk. 6:43-45*
- They speak of what interests them.

The Fruit of...

- Because God created “*fruit trees bearing fruit after their kind:*” Gen. 1:11
- As the fruit begins to appear, whatever fruit ...
- *Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. 8 For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. Gal 6:7-9*
- Each of us can look at the fruit of our lives and know which one we have sown.

The Fruit of... the Spirit

- This is a simple and fundamental truth.
- *“**The Fruit of the Spirit** is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, meekness, self-control; against such there is no law”* (Gal. 5:22-23).
- If we are truly sowing to the Spirit we will see these fruits. If we don't see them ...
- The more of fruit we produce the more clearly we reveal that the Holy Spirit is the primary force in our lives.

The Fruit of the Spirit

- The richer the harvest, the greater the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives.
- Trees can only bear after their kind!!!
- If we are sowing to the Spirit, these are the fruits. We can't hide it or deny it.
- If we are seeing growth:
- *love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, meekness, self-control*
- We sow to the Spirit and reap these fruits.

The Work of the Holy Spirit

- Illustrated by the fruit tree!
- Each Tree produces after it's kind: Seed
- The planted seed creates the tree.
- Each seed – creates a different fruit.



Each “Seed” after its Kind

- The Holy Spirit can only produce fruit with seed.
- *The seed is the word of God Lk. 8:11*
- The author of God’s Word is the Holy Spirit.
- *no prophecy ever came by the will of man: but men spoke from God, being moved by the Holy Spirit.” 2Pet 1:21*
- Every word of the OT is from the Holy Spirit
He is the author and force behind all Scripture

The Seed is the Word of God

- *for it is not you that speak, but the Holy Spirit*
Mk. 13:11
- Holy Spirit: “*teach you all things,*” “*bring to your remembrance all that I said*” and “*guide you into all the truth*” Jn. 14:26; 16:13

The Seed is the Word of God

- *Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart, 23 having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever,*
- The Holy Spirit produced the seed.
- When the seed bears fruit it is the fruit of the Spirit.

The Seed is the Word of God

- The Holy Spirit is the reason why:
- *For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Heb. 4:12-13*
- The Holy Spirit works through His word and we are thus “*born of water and the Spirit,*” when we obey its commands Jn 3:3-5.

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- *But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, 5 not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy **He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, 6 whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, 7** that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. Titus 3:4-7*
- The Holy Spirit is the working force that God poured out on us through Jesus Christ.

The Seed is the Word of God

- *He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, 6 whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, Titus 3:4-7*
- Just as Jesus was God's force to bring forgiveness and salvation as our Savior.
- The Holy Spirit is now the force that works through the Scriptures to bring the fruits of salvation into our lives.

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- *“The seed is the word of God” (Lk 8:11).*
- *With that seed each of us was “born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever” (1Pet. 1:23).*
- *Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. James 1:21*

The Seed is the Word of God

- Once that seed enters the heart, like the fruit tree it becomes the “manufacturing plant” to produce the “fruit of the Spirit”
- *There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, **who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit** Rom 8:1*

The Seed is the Word of God

- *Therefore, brethren, we are debtors — not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. 13 For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but **if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.** Rom 8:12-13*
- *For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. Rom 8:14-15*
- Even though it is “just a book,” the Holy Spirit’s power of the seed is working and we are led by the Spirit.

- *The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs — heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.*
Rom 8:16-17
- How does He do this? How does He bear witness?
- Just “through a book?” No the book is the seed! The book is the tool of choice by which His power is given.
- Just like that little pit or seed produces a tree

- We have all the control by faith.
- We make our hearts open to the seed
- *And the seed in the good soil, these are the ones who have heard the word in an honest and good heart, and hold it fast, and bear fruit with perseverance” Lk. 8:15*
- *“But he who received seed on the good ground is he who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty” Mt. 13:23*

The Fruit of...

- The Context of Galatians 5:
- There are two seeds within us.
- The seeds sown by the flesh.
- The seed sown by the Spirit through the Word
- *I say then: Walk in the spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. 17 For the flesh lusts against the spirit, and the spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. Gal 5:16-18*

By their fruit you will know

- If we allow these fruits to grow, we will never enter the kingdom of God.
- *19 Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, 20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, 21 envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. Gal 5:19-21*
- You know the tree by the fruit...

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- If we allow these fruits to grow, we will never enter the kingdom of God.
- *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. 24 And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Gal 5:22-26*
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