

Receive The Holy Spirit pt6 – Becoming Like Jesus

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[Jhn 20:22 NASB95] 22 And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

[Gal 5:24-25 NASB95] 24 Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

- Children are too sweet. When they act bad, who do they get that from?
- We are born with a desire to do wrong things. Even sometimes good things for the wrong motives. It is a sinful nature in all of us.
- The goal of Christianity is not to make Jesus an add-on to your life. The point of Christianity is to transform you into Christ. He is not an accessory. He is the main goal.
- We need the Holy Spirit to help us to become like Jesus.
- Galatians 5, we often hear about the "fruit" of the Spirit. Notice it is singular, not plural. It is "of the Spirit," not of the Christian.
- However, these "fruit" (results of) the Spirit help us to become like Jesus.

What do we need to know from this passage about how the Holy Spirit helps us become like Jesus?

Here are some ideas we get from this passage about becoming like Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit.

I. Becoming like Jesus is a war.

- a. [Gal 5:16-21 NASB95] 16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. 17 For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law. 19 Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality, 20 idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, 21 envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you, just as I have forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.
- b. The flesh and the Spirit are at war.
- c. We are born with sinful flesh. God did not make us to love sin. Corrupt nature causes us to love things we should not and not love the things we should.
- d. We must make a choice.

II. Not becoming like Jesus has a consequence.

- a. [Gal 5:21 NASB95] 21 envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you, just as I have forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.
- b. This is one of the gravest statements in the Bible.

III. We are empowered by the Holy Spirit to become like Jesus.

- a. [Gal 5:22-23 NASB95] 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things, there is no law.
- b. The Spirit will empower us to make the right choices.

IV. We are called to become like Jesus.

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- a. [Gal 5:24-25 NASB95] 24 Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.
- b. The primary focus of every who belongs to Jesus is to live as He desires.
- c. [Luk 9:23 NASB95] 23 And He was saying to [them] all, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me.

V. What should we do?

- a. Surrender fully to the Holy Spirit.
 - b. Cut some stuff out of your life.
 - c. Trust the Holy Spirit to help you make the right choices.
- **The Holy Spirit helps us to overcome our flesh and to become like Jesus as we surrender to Him, cut some things out of our lives and trust in His empowerment to form our choices.**