

important to you? Which ones do you believe you have been given by the Holy Spirit? Consider these questions and write your reflections here.

Thursday, May 14

We considered five of the nine Fruit of the Spirit during the message; joy, peace, kindness, goodness and love. Much has been written about this list; some scholars have placed them into groups of three writing that some reflect our relationship with God while others reflect our relationships with each other and the final three reflect our relationship within the church. These groupings are pure conjecture and the only thought that I (Pastor Jack) give credence to is that the first fruit mentioned is the most important: love. Paul himself, wrote, “And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love” (I Corinthians 13:13). Love encompasses all the other Fruit of the Spirit, honoring the obligation to love our neighbor as ourselves. What do you think? Write your thoughts here.

Friday, May 15

The Fruit of the Spirit are a gift, given to us through the presence and guidance of the Holy Spirit. Jesus the Christ lived out these Fruit of the Spirit, beautifully illustrating them through his teachings, life, death and resurrection. As suggested, our tasks involved being farmers of the “soil of our souls.” All are called to cultivate our lives to receive these gifts so that they may grow and flourish, making our world a better place in which God is honored and our neighbors loved! Then we may truly discover what Paul means for us to be free! Write your thoughts here giving thanks to the Holy Spirit for the gift of the Fruit of the Spirit!

Message Notes May 10, 2026

Adult Confirmation 101: *The Holy Spirit* *

- I. The Holy Spirit, who is often referred to as the _____ person of the Holy Trinity and is often _____ and not always taken as serious as the _____ and _____.
 - A. The Holy Spirit was _____ to the early church on _____ as the continuing presence of Jesus the Christ.
 - B. We most often think of the Holy Spirit as a _____ phenomenon, the Holy Spirit is throughout our _____.
 - C. An important lesson in confirmation classes: How does the Holy Spirit _____ in the life of the _____ and in our _____?
 - D. We live in the _____ of the Holy Spirit.
- II. What does the _____ of the Holy Spirit look like? How do we recognize it? How does the presences of the Holy Spirit _____ our lives?
 - A. Paul addresses in his letter to the Galatians and he does so by contrasting the _____ of the _____ with the _____ of the _____.
 - B. This contrast comes after the great declaration: “For freedom Christ has set us free. _____, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.” (Galatians 5:1)
 1. For Paul, "freedom" isn't the opposite of "slavery" but rather a matter of _____ or _____ one serves.
 2. This freedom Paul is writing about is subject to two obligations; An obligation to _____ and an obligation to our _____.
- III. Let's consider _____ of the Fruit of the Spirit.

*Galatians 5:1,13-25

- A. First the fruit of _____.
- B. Second is the fruit of _____.
- C. Let's consider two fruits together
_____ and _____.
- D. Finally, let's consider the fruit of _____.

- IV. Many Christ followers would like the fruit of the Spirit to _____ instantaneously in our lives.
- A. Instead, receiving the fruit of the Spirit requires us to become more like the _____, patiently working the _____ of our _____ to make the conditions right for the fruits.
 - B. We participate in our _____ by becoming our own farmers, making the conditions right to _____ God to produce the fruit of the Spirit in us.
 - C. May we cultivate the true freedom of our faith made possible by the _____, _____ and _____ of the Holy Spirit!

Daily Devotional Guide

The following is a daily devotional and study guide meant to enhance your understanding of the message and grow as a Christian.

It is offered for your personal reflection or to share with others.

Monday, May 11

Read Galatians 5:1,13-25. This might not be the most typical scripture for a message that centers on the Holy Spirit. Rather it centers on the Fruit of the Spirit when we acknowledge and seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Pastor Jack mentioned that the Holy Spirit, often referred to as the third

person of the Holy Trinity, is overlooked and underappreciated. Contemplate the Holy Trinity and the Holy Spirit specifically. What do you know about the Holy Spirit? How would you recognize the work of the Holy Spirit in the work of the church or in your life? Pray that God aid you in your understanding of and appreciation for the Holy Spirit. Write your reflections here.

Tuesday, May 12

Read Galatians 5:1,13-25. Galatians 5:1 is the summit of Paul's letter to the Galatians. Paul values freedom, specifically freedom from the law and freedom from the slavery of sin and death. For Paul, freedom is a choice of what or who we serve. Freedom in Christ Jesus involved our allegiance to the Fruit of the Spirit over and against the desires of the flesh. When we seek God's presence and freedom through Christ Jesus then we are free to be who God created us to be. Janis Joplin made Kris Kristofferson's words famous: "'Freedom's just another word for nothing left to lose.'" These words means that true freedom is only achieved when you have no possessions, responsibilities, or attachments to fear losing. Having something to lose creates limitations, while having nothing leaves you unencumbered and completely free to act. What do you think freedom means? How are you encumbered by possession or relationships? To what or whom are you "enslaved?" Contemplate these questions and write your thoughts here.

Wednesday, May 13

Galatians 5:22-23 state, "By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things." Remember that the Greek word translated "generosity" in the New Revised Standard Bible is translated as "goodness" in many other versions. Read the list of Fruit of the Spirit slowly and deliberately. Which ones capture your attention as you read them? Which are most