



September 26th, 2025

Sermon: Pneuma: Life In The Spirit | Fruit of The Spirit

Main text: Galatians 5:22-25

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What does this story tell me about God?

2. What does this story tell me about people (or about myself)?

3. If this is God's word for my life, how will I obey it?

4. Who am I, going to tell?

Other, Key quotes; points and questions to reflect on and discuss from Brett's message:

Key Quotes:

"Freedom from the Law does not mean freedom *for the flesh* but rather freedom *for love*." (Fee)

"The Spirit effectively produces in them the very character of God." (Fee)

"You will know them by their fruits." – Jesus (Matt. 7:16)

"Our faith is a communal faith—not an isolated one." – Pastor Brett

"Long obedience in the same direction." – Eugene Peterson (referenced)

A Few Key Points to Reflect on...

Faith is Communal

- Christianity is not lived in isolation. The Spirit's fruit are given for the building up of community.
- The presence of the Spirit is most evident not in spectacle but in a people marked by love and unity.

Marked by the Spirit

- The evidence of the Spirit in a church is not style of worship or gifts but the presence of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness, and self-control in the community.
- "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:35).

The Flesh vs. the Spirit

- The "flesh" (sarx) is human nature apart from God's Spirit, self-indulgent, destructive, community-breaking.

The Fruit of the Spirit

- Unlike gifts (which differ among believers), the fruit of the Spirit are for all who walk with Christ.
- These fruit are one cluster (like grapes), not separate pieces together they reflect God's character.
- The Spirit produces these fruit slowly, through daily obedience and surrender, not instant triumphalism.

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Key Questions from the Message:

Where do you see evidence of the “flesh” (sarx) pulling against the Spirit in your own life? How do you usually respond?

Which fruit of the Spirit (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control) feels most evident in your life today? Which one feels most lacking?

In what ways has community shaped your faith? How can you contribute to building a Spirit-marked community at Southview (or your local church)?

When you think about the “long obedience in the same direction,” what small steps of surrender could you take to invite the Spirit’s work in your everyday life?