

Absolute Surrender, Chapters 2-3

Chapter Two: “The Fruit of the Spirit is Love”

1. How did this chapter challenge your understanding of love?
2. What does Murray mean by “God is Love” (from pages 18-19)?
3. Murray points to John 13:35, which says: “By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.” Then he goes on to say that the badge of the Christian is love (bottom of page 20). In other words, others will see Christ by how we love.
 - i. How have you worn the badge of love in your interactions with others?
 - ii. How have you fallen short of displaying the badge of love to others?

Chapter Three: Separated Unto the Holy Ghost

4. Is there anything from this chapter that you would like to discuss further?
5. Our culture understands meditation as an emptying of the mind, but as Christians we know that our utter need is a filling of ourselves with God’s truth and his Spirit. In chapter 3, Murray makes the point that all Christians should seek after the indwelling of the Spirit. On top of page 35, Murray says: “But a man who is separated unto the Holy Spirit is a man who is given up to say: ‘Father, let the Holy Spirit have full dominion over me, in my home, in my temper, in every word of my tongue, in every

thought of my heart, in every feeling toward my fellow men; let the Holy Spirit have entire possession.”

- i. As Murray asks on page 35, “Is that what has been the longing and the covenant of your heart with your God – to be a man or a woman separated and given up onto the Holy Spirit?”

6. Towards the bottom of page 36, Murray says regarding prayer: “If we felt and proved and testified to the world that our only strength lay in keeping every minute in contact with Christ, every minute allowing God to work in us – if that were our spirit, would not, by the grace of God, our lives be holier? Would not they be more abundantly fruitful?”
 - i. Take a moment, in prayer, to ask God to transform your heart to long for a deeper, more fruitful prayer life. Then pray for our church, that God would do a mighty work and help us to be a church that seeks his will in prayer. That by the power of the Holy Spirit, we may wear the badge of love he has given us, with each other and with our neighbors.