

“Union in Christ: Life in the Spirit (part 4)”

John 6:28-34

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A. The Holy Spirit: Forming Spiritual Foundations

1. The Holy Spirit produces sensitivity to sin
2. The Holy Spirit produces illumination of truth
3. The Holy Spirit produces hunger for the Word
4. The Holy Spirit produces hunger for Prayer

B. The Holy Spirit: Promoting Spiritual Growth

1. The Holy Spirit equips and enables us to love (Romans 5:1-5)

a. Love God

- The assumption of our obedience as a testimony of love to God John 14:15-23
- Love for God is never passive in the Christian life.
John 14:24
- The example of Jesus' obedience and love for God
John 14:31

b. Love Believers

- Loving believers demands personal sacrifice
1 John 3:16, 2 Samuel 24:24
- Loving believers demands personal action
1 John 3:17
- Loving believers contributes to the corporate witness of the Lord Jesus
John 13:34-35

c. Love Unbelievers

- Jesus' heart of love toward those lost and heading for damnation Matthew 23:37; Matthew 9:36
- Jesus' willingness to be in their company
Matthew 11:19; Luke 19:2-7