

THE EXPRESSION OF KING JESUS

When we speak of Jesus as King, we are referring to His role as Lord and Supreme Ruler. It is important that we get to know our king so that we may understand and more fully appreciate Him, for in many ways, we are to become like Him. Jesus is expressed in three important ways:

- Character of Jesus...Fruit of the Spirit
- Capability of Jesus...Gifts of the Spirit
- Cause of Jesus...Kingdom of God

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

Galatians 5:22

Fruit = harvest, the visible expression of an inherent, invisible, inward power coming from a seed. - Vines Dictionary

- Jesus' Lordship in my character
- Nature of Jesus in me
- Supernatural
- Takes time to grow
- Mark of maturity
- Brings stability
- No law or limit necessary
- Eternal

GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Grace gift = Spiritual manifestation of God that empowers a person to operate in the supernatural.

- Jesus' Lordship in my capability
- Ability of Jesus through me
- Supernatural / spectacular
- Can appear quickly in new believer
- Sign of availability
- Brings notoriety
- Needs guidelines
- Temporary / until Jesus returns
- 1 Corinthians 1:7-8; 13:8-12

The Fruit of the Spirit and the Gifts of the Spirit are meant to demonstrate our King's goodness, kingdom life, kingdom power and are meant to advance the cause of God's kingdom. It begins when a person receives Jesus as Lord and Savior and receives the Holy Spirit fullness. The Old Testament priest wore a robe with pomegranates and bells at its bottom. These are symbolic of the fruit and the gifts. - Exodus 28:31-36

The gifts are not a sign of being 'more spiritual,' but only perhaps of being 'more available.' Gifts bring notoriety, but if a person does not have corresponding character fruit, they can be prone to pride, instability and excesses. I have seen people with amazing gifts of the Spirit who later crashed in their Christian walk because they were not mature in their character. The gifts of the Spirit, are just that, GIFTS! One does not earn or work for gifts. They are freely given by the giver. God gives them to enable us to help a world in need and to glorify His name, not ours. Few persons could be trusted to operate in all 9 gifts of the Spirit. That is why God spreads them around in his body that is called 'The Church' (the 'ecclesia' / called out ones)

What can we learn from the disciples? - Luke 10:17-20

What should be our attitude towards the gifts? - 1 Corinthians 13:1-2; 14:1

While in this world, we are born for battle to live as overcomers and occupiers in this world of dark kingdoms. Since we are called to live as soldiers in God's army, does it not make sense to be as fully armed as possible in order to be most effective in God's service? **We are meant to be carriers of packages on behalf of God's kingdom.** People ask, what fruit or gifts should I be delivering? God has designed it, so that what is needed at that very moment is the fruit or gift that will be provided. The greater gifts are the ones that are needed at a specific time and situation.

Home delivery of packages is big business today with several major providers such as Federal express, UPS (United Parcel Service), USPS (United States Postal Service) and Amazon. These businesses are booming as many people like the convenience of ordering things from home. God has his own delivery service too.... JESUS EXPRESS. Here are some of the packages to be delivered.

HOLY SPIRIT FRUIT

- LOVE....JOY....PEACE
- PATIENCE....KINDNESS....GOODNESS
- FAITHFULNESS....GENTLENESS....SELF- CONTROL

HOLY SPIRIT GIFTS

- POWER TO KNOW
 - Word of Knowledge
 - Word of Wisdom
 - Discerning of Spirits
- POWER TO DO
 - Gift of Faith
 - Gifts of Healing
 - Working of Miracles
- POWER TO SAY
 - Gift of Prophecy
 - Speaking Languages
 - Interpretation of Languages

The world is sick.....deliver Hope and Healing
The world is full of lies and deceit.....deliver TRUTH
The world is full of confusion and stress.....deliver PEACE
The world is full of hate and fear.....deliver LOVE
The world is discouraged.....deliver ENCOURAGEMENT and JOY
The world is blind and ignorant.....deliver WISDOM
The world is lost.....deliver JESUS.

In our section, Life in the Spirit, we will go into detail about about the gifts of the Spirit. In this section we will look at how Jesus walked in each fruit of the Spirit and mention a few instances where Jesus operated in the Gifts of the Spirit. (please be patient as I do

not have the miracle gift of writing these messages in a few minutes, besides. these messages are not meant to expand your head knowledge only. They are meant to transform you and enable you to be a better carrier of Christ's presence and power. All the Fruit and Gifts are resident in Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

With Holy Spirit in you, you are complete in Jesus - Colossians 2:9-10, 1 Cor.3:21-23. Be ready and available to deliver the goods. Google Maps is unnecessary. You have GPS / God's Positioning System. We have something better than Federal Express, it is JESUS EXPRESS. Let Holy Spirit lead you and do the driving. He has some packages to deliver!

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