

Spirit-filled life, a life filled "unto all the fulness of God." The whole secret lies in faith in and full surrender to the Lord Jesus Christ, thus abiding in Him, as the branch does in the vine. This brings into our life the Holy Spirit in His fulness and power.

And it is the Holy Spirit, Who made the work of Jesus for us effectual, Who now by His indwelling power makes the work of Jesus in us productive of the fruits of His life. Just as the tree grows and bears fruit, by the principle of life with which God endows it, so the Christian lives, grows, develops, bears fruit through the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus.

The work of the Holy Spirit is manifold. Who can measure His mighty operations? Who can follow His secret influences? Who can count His blessed manifestations in the sphere of grace? For He is the heavenly Wind, blowing where He listeth, He is the Water of Life washing and refreshing, He is the Fire of God cleansing and illuminating, His presence and His power going forth into the hearts of believing people, into the Church, "the blessed company of all faithful people," yea, into the wide world itself.

St. Paul has furnished God's children with a most apt and beautiful illustration of the work of the Holy Spirit in Christian hearts and lives, in his great Epistle to the Galatians. He contrasts the "Fruit of the Spirit" with the "Works of the