

The First Fruit: Selected Passages
Thrive by the Spirit (Fruit of the Spirit)
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The Spirit pours the Father's love into our hearts through his Son to our neighbors.

1. God Saturates Our Hearts with Uniquely-Given Love through his Indwelling Spirit

a. The initial reception of God's exceptional love for us (Romans 5:1-5)
our future hope is sure because God has already poured out his love into our hearts through the indwelling presence of his Spirit as believers in Jesus

b. The growing realization of God's exceptional love within us (Ephesians 1:4-5; 2:4-7; 3:14-19)

when we realize how shallow and superficial our own love could be, we would do well to take Paul's prayer and make it our own - both as individuals and as a church family

2. We Replicate God's Heart with Spirit-Shaped Love like his Beloved Son

a. This love distinguishes us (Ephesians 5:1-2; John 13:34-35)
as we learn to practice love that's real and tenacious, we show others that God is our Father and Jesus is our Master

b. This love challenges us (Romans 12:9-10; Luke 6:32-36; Philippians 1:9-11)
whenever we sense that our love has reached a limit, that becomes an occasion to pray that God will increase our capacity to truly sacrifice for others (love that abounds more and more)