

GROWING IN GOD PODCAST



GIG205 – The Fruit of the Spirit, Our Deliverance

Hi, and welcome to the podcast. This is a special edition for our Growing in God podcast, as it is produced from a Zoom call that we at Hargrave Ministries have occasionally with our donors. When we have these times together and feel it is important for others to be a part of what we are discussing, we create the meeting into a podcast for release. So, I hope that you will enjoy this podcast; and if you like being a part of these discussions, I would encourage you to go to our website at HargraveMinistries.org and join our Fellow Workers.

Thank you for your support all this time for Israel and the offerings that we are giving there. Thank you for your support both spiritually, in prayer and intercession, as well as financially, for Hargrave Ministries. Somehow I feel like this Pentecost is signaling a new day that is transpiring, and I am very much believing for that for all of us in our lives. And I do, I bless you personally, and I bless your families, I bless your finances, I bless all the things that the Lord is speaking to your heart that you are reaching in to be, that you are reaching in to do.

I thought it was interesting what Mitch was talking about today, how all of these things taking place are because somebody saw the need and just jumped in to do it. I always remember what John Stevens would say, "You got the burden? You got the job." And I feel like God is kind of doing that with us. One Scripture that has been so real to me this week is, "Faithful is He that has called you, and He will do it." It is not something that we are doing ourselves in our own energy, it is something that is happening because He is faithful to accomplish what He has called each one of you to be and to do in this hour. And so, whatever it seems like is going on in your life, I just know that there is something bigger going on, which is God fulfilling His purposes in creating you. Remember, He knit you in your mother's womb, and He brought you forth. He knew your beginning and your end, and He has always been with you. And that is going to play into what we are talking about, because I think we should live in a sense of gratitude and thankfulness always in what the Lord is doing.

So if I can jump into this, I know we have been going for a while, but this is so important to me. I think Pentecost, to me, is meaning something different than it has ever meant. The Holy Spirit is meaning something different than it has ever meant to me, just with what has been opening up in my own prayer life, in my own time of meditation, of reaching in to the Lord for what He is doing. And let me just turn to some of the Scriptures that I have.

First of all, I want to go to Galatians 5:22. It says, "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law." Now, what really is real to me about this, when you stop and think about it – because I know that when we think about the Holy Spirit, we are kind of conditioned to think about the power of the Holy Spirit, the outpouring, the energy. Even Christ said it when He told the disciples, "Go back to Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high." But I think there is something in it that we miss when we look at this verse and we see what the Spirit really is – the Spirit is emotion. And that is probably the greatest definition we can have. You look at all of those things, and it is dealing with emotion. Love is an

emotion; joy, peace, these are all feelings that you have. They take you from an emotion into a feeling. And I think that is more significant than what we realize, and more significant than the way we have tried to function in the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is poured out into us to bring us these emotions. You know, everybody talks about love, or joy, peace, whatever, and we can recognize that these are human emotions; there is a human element to them. We realize this in the Scriptures when the Lord was saying to Peter, "Do you love Me?" He was using the terminology for divine love; and Peter was answering Him, "Yes, I have brotherly love, I have a human love for You." So you can take emotion and realize that there is kind of a human counterpart to all those emotions. But what I want to do for a minute, if we can, is set that reality aside. It is a reality, but we are talking about the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit is not human. And so, the fruit of the Spirit, of these emotions that are poured out – think about it: if we are to be filled with the Holy Spirit, then we are to be filled with these emotions. Now, I have not thought about the Holy Spirit in that context before, that when I think about being filled with the Holy Spirit, I am to be filled with love. I am to be filled with joy. I am to be filled with peace. All of these things are emotions that we are not looking to have on a human level; we are looking to have them imparted to us out of God, by the Holy Spirit. These are God emotions. These are the very emotions of who God is.

The Scripture says, "God is love." And you say "Well, there are all these other emotions that go along with it in Galatians 5," and I know that is true. But I was reading in the NET Bible; I like the NET Bible because it works a lot with the original languages, and it tries to really drill down into the Greek and the Hebrew of the Scriptures. And so, when you look up Galatians 5:22 in the NET Bible, it brings out the fact that really, in the Greek, what you could do with this sentence is you could say love: joy, peace, all these other things. Because really, they are almost further definitions or descriptions of God's love. Joy is a part of God's love. And maybe for some that is stretching it, but I think there is a point to it to realize that really, God is love, and the emotion of love is a key emotion that I think we are to be filled with as believers. We are not filled with a human love, and we do not try to be filled just with a human love; we try to be filled up to the fullness of this love that comes from God. The Scripture talks about, "If we could understand the love of Christ, we would be filled to the fullness of God." You know, that is a pretty big statement to say. And so, we reach for this.

Now, I think that all makes sense to us to realize this is a big thing. One of the books I was studying, which is mainly about meditation, but it goes into a lot of the original language of the Greek, and a lot of the Aramaic text of the Dead Sea Scrolls, and a lot of just the language and writings of the Essenes, who of course were the ones doing the Dead Sea Scrolls. It studies the concept of how they prayed – what was the foundation of their prayer? what did it mean when they prayed? and how did they pray in order to get results? And I know that this idea of meditation, when you use that terminology, becomes kind of problematic for Christianity. But I want to give you a message from John Stevens that is really good, if you can find it. It is from December 14th, 1968. Now 1968 – my God, I was a junior in high school, and here was John, bringing these amazing revelations that we are still trying to wrap our hearts around even now, over 73 years later from the beginning of Grace Chapel of Southgate. So, I would say it is a living Word. The name of this message is, *It All Starts with a New Nature*. In this message, John is talking about, and it is almost like a side note in some ways, but he is talking about this idea of meditation; and he is talking about how meditation was lost to the Church when the Church became the Western Church. But meditation was very much a part of the original Church.

Remember, the Church started in the East. If you look at the original missionary journey of Paul, does anybody remember where he started? Antioch of Syria was the first place that Paul went to launch the Church, from being housed in Jerusalem into the Word going to the world. So, the Church initiated in the eastern realms of the world, and it was founded far more into the foundations of meditative practices and prayer that existed in the East, as well as in the language. I mean, this is where you have the Aramaic coming from, and different things. So, we really recall the fact that this was the roots of the Church. And what happens is that the Church divides between the Western Church, or the Catholic Church, and the Eastern Church. You really see this historically surrounding the Council of Nicaea that happened in 325 AD; so that tells you how far back this separation goes, because it happened before the Council of Nicaea. But the Council of Nicaea was called by the Emperor Constantine in order to homogenize the doctrines of the Church and make them one doctrine. So when we have the great Nicene Creed that is repeated so often in Christian churches, you realize that already what you are celebrating is the separation that existed, not just from Judaism, but now you are taking another giant step away from the foundations and roots of Christ; which we know that when you get into the Western churches, now you are really getting into the paganism that existed, which infiltrated the Church.

So, I almost apologize, because I am going way more into detail than I had planned to with this. But I think it is an important foundational concept to realize that there is something very deep that we have lost when we talk about our roots of Christianity. When we talk about that and we look at it, and we study it, when we go and study in seminaries today in the United States, we are talking about basically everything being founded in the Western Church. Because do not forget, even Protestant theology is born out of Martin Luther, who separates from the Catholic Church over certain issues; and then, of course, he becomes the main anti-Semite that feeds Hitler all of the knowledge that he needs to create the Holocaust.

So, we do not have this wonderful history in the Church. We have lost something here. And again, there is no condemnation to those who are in Christ; but I think we look, and we investigate. I mean, Passover is all about taking the candle and sweeping out the leaven. It is time to sweep out the leaven from any place we can find it, so that we can be restored into what God has for us. And I think restoring our prayer and our meditation is huge. And now I will get back to the point; it all surrounds this idea of Pentecost. Because in Pentecost, the fruit of the Spirit is what? it is emotion. And when we are filled with the Holy Spirit, we are to be filled with God emotion, starting with love. And maybe you say, "Well, love covers it all," which I think it could. Like I was talking about this book that I was reading, which, by the way, the title is, *The Isaiah Effect*, by Gregg Braden, if you want it. I am not necessarily recommending it, because there is a lot of superfluous stuff in it; but it does try to get down to the roots of prayer. And one thing he does land on finally is the reality that there are basically two emotions: one is love, and one is fear; and every other emotion is almost rooted in one of those two.

Now maybe that is too simplistic, because we know we can name a lot of emotions; but when we get into this thing of emotion, what we begin to realize is how foundational it is to us, number one, just as individuals. The way this tracks is that when you start looking into the spirit world, or quantum reality, however you want to voice it, you realize that everything begins with an emotion. Emotion, then, is coupled with a thought, and those two together are what create a feeling. The outgrowth of emotion mixed with thought gives you a feeling. And so, "How do you feel today?"

"Well, I feel a little down. I feel like I don't have enough money. I feel a little sick. I feel this, I feel."

So our feelings, and how we are feeling – you have to back up to say, “Where is that all coming from?” Well, it stems from a root. The main root is beginning with emotion. And I think it is significant that we recognize that this outpouring of the Holy Spirit is an outpouring of God’s emotion into us that we are supposed to be filled with. And what the Scripture says about that is, “Perfect love casts out fear.” It is almost like an exorcism here that we need in our being, where the roots of these negative emotions need to be cast out of us.

I think that is why the Holy Spirit is the answer for our personal deliverance, and I am all about deliverance right now. I think we need a definite deliverance in our hearts, a healing, if you want to call it that. I think we need a release. And where this begins to me is back at this root of emotion. In studying psychology, they already understand that memories are formed as rooted with an emotion. If something happens around you that is a disaster, you immediately respond as a human. You have fight or flight, you have an emotion about that; then your thoughts catch up to that, and then you have a feeling about that.

Oh my God, you look at what happened on October 7th in Israel! I mean, like Mitch was saying, you watch the movie and it is emotional. It just evokes this emotion. And out of that emotion, the memory of it is because you mix it with the thought process that you have. What did I think about that? How did it make me feel? But look into yourself and realize that the strongest memories you have are because they were initiated around the strongest emotions that took place. Some of the things that you remember the clearest are because the emotion that surrounded the event was such a strong, emotional experience to you. Don’t believe me, research into this yourself. It is very important that we get this, because when you look at this, you realize how people go to psychiatrists and sit around and talk about their problems. You are not going to get a release that way; because when you talk about your problems, you are just reliving the emotion that you had. You are rehearsing the thoughts around that, and you are going over it and over it, and you are reinforcing the emotion. If it was fear, you know, “What happened to you?”

“I was held up at gunpoint, and then beaten up.”

Well, that is very emotional. And you are going to remember the emotion of that, and that event is going to be a memory. How do you get delivered from the emotions of that event, which can be crippling in your life? I mean, there are a lot of people who are just crippled by what they have experienced. You are trying to get a release from it, and how does it really work to get the release?

The answer, when you look at it from this perspective, is that you take that picture and you start by replacing the emotion. Whatever the emotion was, just replace it. With what? Well, start with love; and if you can’t get to love, start with gratitude; because whatever happened to you, God was there. God was there to care for you, to bring you through this. I think the Scripture says something like, “Whatever happens to us, God is able to make it for our good, to those who love God.” So God is always using whatever experience, no matter how traumatic it was, He is using it for our good, and He will turn it to His purpose.

I know a lot of times people say, “I can’t even believe that.” But you can’t believe it until you can get His emotion about it, until you can start thanking Him. “Thank You, Lord.” I look at the last five years of my life, I can go back to the whole of my life, and say, “Thank you, Lord, for everything that I went through.” And I want to take every memory that I have, everything that seems to be a hang up, and I want to first start by replacing the emotion of it. Because if I can be grateful to God, then I can start seeing how He

thinks about that event. Not how I thought about it, how He thinks about it. And remember, His thoughts are not our thoughts. So whatever you think about traumas in your life, that is not how He thinks. One of the reasons is because God does not live in your now; He lives in eternity. So God is not limited by the past or the present thoughts or feelings that you have, or what you think is future. God lives in eternity, and therefore His perspective is born out of eternity. Therefore, He can turn anything into your good, because He is seeing not just the end of your life as a human, He is seeing you through an eternal relationship with Him. I guarantee you, He will take everything in your life, and He is going to make it part of the blessing and relationship that we have with Him in eternity. And it is going to be love. And it is going to be joy. And it is going to be peace. Because remember, peace is shalom; and shalom means completeness, fullness, having come to the fact that God has created us into everything that He planned to create for us. You know, as we said in the Scripture before, "Faithful is He who has called you, and He will do it."

And so, how do I deliver myself? I begin applying a new emotion. I replace emotion. I just go, "I don't care what the feeling was at the time that took the snapshot of that picture, that the shutter of my camera in my brain was triggered to go off with that emotion. Whatever that was, I am going to replace that emotion. And now I am going to take a new picture, and I am going to take it with gratitude, and I am going to take it out of love, or joy, or peace, or whatever emotion of the Holy Spirit that I am going to apply to that." When I do that, then I am able to rethink the situation; and if it is a God emotion, then I am able to put His thinking into it. I am able to have His thoughts. He says, "Come now, let us reason together." And so, we can take His emotion and reason through events in our lives. And what is going to happen? You are going to come out of that with a completely different feeling about that event; and it is going to stop being the negative thing, and it is going to move into that positive purpose that God has. All things work together for the good of those who love Him. We know we read in Revelation, "He wipes every tear from our eye." Somehow, He removes the pain that has come. Pain is an emotion. He will remove the negative emotions that we have lived on.

I do not think that is supposed to be for some future, if we are living in Him. When you look at the name of God that He told Moses, it is, "I was, am, ever will be." He is expressing He is eternity, and He exists in eternity. And what we have to really grasp – because we say we believe the Word, that is foundational to us, okay? Well then, when God speaks something, it is. We are celebrating the Sabbath today – what does the Sabbath celebrate? It celebrates the fact that He completed His work and He rested. Why? Because it is done. We celebrate the Sabbath so that we can get ready to go back to work on Sunday, you know, because we are going back to work. What we are losing is the fact that when He said it, it was done. It is done, and He is resting now because it is done. Therefore, we have the ability. And again, when you look at it, even you say, "Well, this sounds spooky." That is why I love quantum physics, because quantum physics does not say it is spooky. It says, "It is real and measurable right now, in the now." And when you focus, that is the way quantum physics works; when you focus on something, it collapses it into existence. And that is the way the Word works. When He speaks it, it comes into being from His speaking it. So, when He speaks something, it is.

Then what are we doing? We are focusing on what is. Now you may say, "Well, you are reaching into the future." No, I am just reaching into the fact that it is. And that is why I think our prayer – I have talked about this a lot, but in our prayer, we need to pray the Scriptures. Why? Because it already is. I was reading the Scripture the other day, "Their iniquity will be removed in one day," speaking about Israel, the Jewish people. We have seen the fulfillment of a prophecy like that – can a nation be born in a day? Well, Israel is the proof that a nation can be born in a day. And that Scripture existed, but it always was

from the time He spoke it. And if we can get the fact that when we talk about a living Word, whatever He has said is. It is not for tomorrow, it just is.

But what we do, we live backwards – we live in the past. We live in yesterday, when we felt like we did not have it; or we live in today, when we are convinced we do not have it. “Well, I don’t have enough money.” Okay, great. You know what you are going to do? You are going to wake up tomorrow and you are going to think that same thought, because what is the emotion that goes with that thought? Is it, “Oh, dear God, I can’t pay my bills”? “Oh, I hate life because I don’t have enough money”? “I live in fear because I have lack”? I mean, it has that emotion with it. And then it is mixed with that thought – “What is going to happen because I do not have enough money?” Then you live under that feeling that I would call oppression. We are just oppressed by our finances. But see, according to Him, He has given us all things, all things pertaining to life and godliness. And I think one of the things that pertains to life is our need for finances, so He has already provided it by His Word. This is not prosperity mentality, by any stretch of the imagination, but the fact that He has given us all things all things pertaining to life and godliness.

Now, I can live feeling that way. If I have, right this second, all things pertaining to life and godliness – let’s disconnect from the way I was thinking a second ago, and just go, “It is just instantly dumped in my lap – everything from God that I could possibly think of pertaining to life and godliness.” That covers just about all of it I can think of. How would I feel if that happened right now? How would it feel if I have it right now? Well, I tell you, it will feel opposite than the way you are feeling right now – about your health, about your finances, about your needs.

Do you see what I am saying? We have to live in a gratitude. It is right now. And so, if it is right now, and I want it, then the first thing I do... everything starts with the emotion. That is what the Holy Spirit does, it brings the emotion to us. That is the fruit of the Spirit; the wisdom and all that comes later, but the fruit of it is that instant emotion. Then you mix that with, “God, how do I feel? What do I think about this?” Well, the way I think about it is, “What am I going to do with everything that I have?” Then you start feeling differently, because you start thinking, “Well, I have to do this. I am going to do that. I am going to live this way, I am going to live that way.” I do not know if you can see the picture of this, but it is a progression; and it is a progression that I think is really scriptural. I think it is a progression that we need to recognize. And I wish one thing we could recognize is how different it is from praying for things:

“Oh God, I need money.”

“Lord, I have to pay these bills, please, Lord, give me the money.”

“I have to sit down tomorrow, I have to write the checks to pay these bills. I don’t have the money in my checking account. Please, Lord.”

“Please, Lord, give me this...”

“Please, Lord, deliver Israel.”

Well, God already delivered Israel. God already said that He has a new covenant with them; a covenant that He is making with them where He is going to remember their sin no more, and they are all going to know the Lord from the least of them to the greatest of them. They are not going to have to teach their neighbor. He said all of that already – so does that already exist, or is it something we have to get down and beat the altar for?

One place we can see this, like we were taught under John Stevens, is in the old age trying to get the Holy Spirit, since we are talking about the Holy Spirit. Remember how you used to get the Holy Spirit? You used to have to tarry for it. You used to have to beat the altar for it. "Oh, God, give me the Holy Spirit! Oh, God, give me the Holy Spirit!" Meanwhile, the Holy Spirit is behind you, tapping you on the back, going, "I'm right here. I'm right here. I have been poured out since the day of Pentecost, over 2,000 years ago! I'm still back here, waiting for you." What in the world are you beating the altar for and asking and asking and asking and asking and asking and asking for something that has already been done? Why? Because our emotion, our thought, and our feeling, is that we do not have it. We have to reverse that. We have to start with the emotion, saying, "He poured out the Holy Spirit over 2,000 years ago. How does that make me feel?" Put yourself standing there when the Holy Spirit was poured out – the joy, the amazement, the awe, the delight! I mean, it would just be the most emotional experience of our existence to stand there on that Day of Pentecost experiencing that outpouring and the mighty rushing wind, and all that it meant for them. And you know what? We always point to that Day of Pentecost and say, "From that moment, the disciples changed." But I do not think we have really realized what changed them. It was the fruit of the Holy Spirit being poured into them, filling them, that changed it. The love, the joy, the peace, the patience, the faithfulness, all of those things that came into them. It changed them from being what they were.

They were not walking around anymore going, "God, do you remember when Peter blew it? What a bummer that must have been to look up at Christ while He was being whipped and beaten, and you were just denying Him three times." Think about Peter's emotions over that event. How did he feel looking Christ in the eye, you know? And then what thoughts went over in his mind? Well, we know there were a lot of thoughts that he attached to the emotion, because he went out and he wept bitterly. And something had to change that. That is why Christ had to appear personally to Peter and give him a new emotion, and have him know, "You are loved. You are loved." Then he was able to see what God was doing through all of that, because now he is going to turn and strengthen his brethren like Christ had said.

Well, anyway, I know I am going on, but I cannot express to you how important I think this is. Again, look into some of these things yourself, because I know there is a lot of science in here, and a lot of psychology, and a lot of whatever; but I believe it is a time of deliverance. And I think our deliverance begins when we are able to have the love cast out the fear, to have these emotions of the Holy Spirit cast out the negative emotions that make up the picture and the thoughts and the feelings that we have in our lives on a daily basis.

I think that we can reach in, because I think He has already spoken it. That is why the Scripture talks about the great and precious promises that we have. But those promises are what He said, and they exist now. They are not promises of a future. It is like the Holy Spirit – He is a guarantee. He is a guarantee. He is not for the future, He is for now. And He brings to now everything that God has spoken. And it begins by inculcating the emotions of God into our hearts, letting our hearts lead the rather than our brains leading.

Anyway, I hope this makes sense. I hope that it is an impartation to you, and it helps and gives you an anticipation for this Day of Pentecost that is coming up. Again, I just want to say, "Thank you guys for your love, for your support." I feel your faith and your backing. It is truly an emotion to me that is alive every day, and I appreciate you. I am thankful to God for you, and I appreciate all that you are and all

that you are doing in reaching in to your own walk with the Lord. So again, I bless you and believe for the Lord to minister so many great things to you as we move forward.

Bill, would you give us a final blessing and close this meeting for us, please?

Bill Daniel: Heavenly Father, we thank You for what is. Period. We could probably start there, but the list is long. Thank You that Your love is. Thank You that our oneness, our relationship, our purpose, is. Thank You that Your Kingdom is. Thank You that the provisions, made before the foundations of the earth, written on each of us, it is. And so today, our thoughts, our intents, our spirits say we move in what is, and that is our provision going forward. Thank You for the Word, thank You for the promises, and thank You for this love that we see before us, in the name of our Lord. Amen.

Gary: Amen. Bless you all. Shalom.