

“What on Earth is the Holy Spirit doing?”

Part #2 – “Maturity - The Spirit is raising a family”

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Last Week ... “New Beginnings – The Spirit brings Life”

→ The 'war continues' - **Lower** Nature vs. Holy Spirit

“...because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.” The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.”

(Romans 8:14-16)

→ The Holy Spirit calls us '**up**' to maturity while our lower nature 'pulls us **down**' to a place of ease and comfort

→ The Holy Spirit as parent

→ Maturity means '**complete**'

TEXT: Galatians 5:16-25

1. **The Holy Spirit is in Conflict with our Lower Nature** (V-16-18)

a. ***Our Lower Nature and it's Acts are Obvious defining our Immaturity ...***
(V-19-21)

- i. **Sexuality**
- ii. **Spirituality**
- iii. **Socially**
- iv. **Sobriety**

b. ***The Holy Spirit and his Virtues are the Benchmark of Maturity*** (V-22-23)

- i. **Upward** - Love, Joy, Peace
- ii. **Outward** - Patience, Kindness, Goodness
- iii. **Inward** - Faithfulness, Gentleness, Self-control

2. **The Holy Spirit is in concert with the Father**

a. ***Moving us away from destructive behavior***

- i. **Counsel** - Spirit
- ii. **Conviction** - Spirit
- iii. **Crucifixion** - Us/Spirit

b. ***Moving us towards virtue and Christ-likeness***

- i. **Prompting** - Spirit
- ii. **Patience** - Spirit
- iii. **Perseverance** - Us/Spirit

3. **The Holy Spirit is looking for cooperation**

- a. **'Presence'** in Hebrew (**face**) - Who we look up to we become like (Eugene Peterson)
- b. **Pineapple Principle** and the power of integrity
- c. **'Power'** is available (prayer literally means to 'keep **company** with God')