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Jesus Manifested in Us by the Spirit

John 15:26 ...[the Holy Spirit] will bear witness about me

- The eternal purpose of the Father that he would be glorified in his people is fulfilled only as Jesus is manifested in them. This means that the eternal glory of the Father is centered in the revelation of the Person and work of the Son in the people of his love.

Heb 1:3 ...[the Son] is the radiance of the glory of God...

John 13:31 ...God is glorified in [the Son of Man]...

- Therefore, to assure the Father's purpose, the Spirit is sent to manifest the glory of the risen King of glory (Psalm 24:10), in his people so that in him the glory of the Father will be manifested.

2 Cor 4:6 For God...has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of [the Father] in the face of Jesus Christ...

The Fruit of the Spirit

1 John 2:5-6 ...whoever keeps [God's Word, in him truly the love of God is [being] perfected. By this we may be sure that we are in [Christ]: 6 whoever says he abides in [Christ] ought to walk in the SAME way in which [Jesus] walked...

- The way Jesus walked was the visible display of the love of God.
- The characteristics of God's Divine love is described as the *fruit of the Spirit*:

Gal. 5:22-23 ...*the fruit of the Spirit is love joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control...*

The Fruit of the Spirit is Love

- This is the Divine unique love of God—the intra-trinitarian Divine love that exists among the three Persons of the trinity.
- This is the essence of *why* we were foreknown, predestined, called, and justified.
- This is the Divine love that has been poured into our hearts by the Spirit when we were born again, releasing us from the captivity of Satan to be given this love of God by receiving the Person and work of the Son (John 1:13; Eph. 2:8; 1 Thess. 2:13).
- The Holy Spirit has planted the unique love of God into our hearts in the Person of Jesus and is now in the process of developing the *fruit* of that Seed.

1 John 2:5 ...*the love of God is [being] perfected [in us]...*

- Sanctification is the work of the Spirit which describes His work of gradually developing the love of God in us as He “conforms us to the image of God’s Son” (Rom. 8:29).

- **Joy** is the *experience* of God's love.

John 15:11 ...My joy...

- **Peace** is the *effect* of God's love.

John 14:27 ...My peace...

- **Patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control** are the *expression* of God's love.

Gal. 5:6 ...faith working [fruit] through love...

- The Spirit is not improving our love but replacing our love with God's love.

Loving God with God's kind of love

1 John 5:2 *...by this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments...*

Loving one another with God's kind of love

1 John 4:21 *...whoever loves God must also love his brother...*