Faith Christian Fellowship Principle #2 Supplement

Love Is

Love endures long and is patient and kind; love never is envious nor boils over with jealousy, is not boastful or vainglorious, does not display itself haughtily. It is not conceited (arrogant and inflated with pride); it is not rude (unmannerly) and does not act unbecomingly. Love (God's love in us) does not insist on its own rights or its own way, for it is not self-seeking; it is not touchy or fretful or resentful; it takes no account of the evil done to it [it pays no attention to a suffered wrong]. It does not rejoice at injustice and unrighteousness, but rejoices when right and truth prevail. Love bears up under anything and everything that comes, is ever ready to believe the best of every person, its hopes are fadeless under all circumstances, and it endures everything [without weakening]. Love never fails [never fades out or becomes obsolete or comes to an end]. As for prophecy (the gift of interpreting the divine will and purpose), it will be fulfilled and pass away; as for tongues, they will be destroyed and cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away [it will lose its value and be superseded by truth]. (1 Corinthians 13:4-8 AMP)

♦ The Power of the Spirit:

- Being born of the Spirit and filled with the Spirit are two different things.
 - John 14:17 (in) VS. Acts 1:8 (upon)
 - John 4:13,14 VS. John 7:37-39. The Spirit within compared to the same Spirit going out
- Examples in Acts: Acts 1:4-8 / 2:1-4 / 8:4-8, 14-17 / 9:10-19 / 1 Corinthians 14:18) / Acts 10:44-48 / 19:1-7
- We need a prayer language beyond our own intelligence.
 - Romans 8:26-28
 - 1 Corinthians 14:1-4,14-15
- Practice: There are many ways to receive, but simple faith in God's Word always works.
 - Faith comes from the Word. Acts 2:1-4
 - ◆ They all spoke. When you receive Christ you are as pure as you will ever be.
 - ♦ They did the speaking. God will not speak for you. He will only give you words. You must speak them.
 - Luke 11:9-13
 - Every one receives.
 - It is a gift. There is nothing you can do to deserve it.
 - ♦ All that is required is to ask.
 - Verify their understanding and readiness. Be sure they are Born-Again and that they want the Holy Spirit baptism. Let them ask questions.
 - Read Acts 8:17 "They laid hands on them to receive."
 - Explain what will happen, then do it.
 - Lead them in a prayer confessing Jesus as Lord and asking God to fill them with the Holy Spirit.
 - Lay hands on their forehead and say, "Be filled with the Spirit."
 - Begin to pray in tongues out loud. (Do not allow them to speak in English.)