



**Religious Education Congress 2017**  
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**St. Paul's Practical and Relevant Spirituality**  
**Session 1-21**

Introductory Remarks – Paul's Amazing Statements about Life in the Spirit

- Rom 5:5 – God's love poured into hearts
- Gal 4:4-7 – adoption as God's children
- 2 Cor 1:21-22; 3:17-18 – anointed and sealed; *metamorphosis*
- Rom 8 – God “within” and “for” us

I. Virtue Lists: Taking on the Character of Jesus

- Gal 5:22-23 – nine-fold “fruit” of the Spirit
- Col 3:12-17 – getting ‘all dressed up’
- Eph 4:1-3 – leading a “life worthy”
- Eph 5:18 – “be filled with the Spirit”

II. Building Up the Body of Christ

- a different focus: Paul's communitarian emphasis
- Rom 14 – mutual edification and mutual hospitality
- 1 Cor 12:12-27 – body of Christ: more than a metaphor
- 1 Cor 14:24-25 – witness value, beginning with worship

III. The Gifts of the Spirit

- 1 Cor 12:7 – Paul's key principle
- 1 Cor 12:8-10, 28-30 – “charismatic” gifts
- Eph 4:11-12 – “offices”
- Rom 12:6-8 – ministries of service

IV. The Ministry of Reconciliation

- 2 Cor 5:14-21 – a rich description of God's saving action
- Rom 5:6-11 – reconciliation and justification
- Eph 2:11-22 – knocking down the “dividing wall of hostility”
- Gal 3:28 – unity in Christ, the great “miracle” enabled by the Paschal Event

Concluding Remarks