**The Fruits Of The Spirit**

**Reading – Galatians 5:16-25**

***"And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual people but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ. [2] I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you were not able to receive it, and even now you are still not able; [3] for you are still carnal. For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men?" (1 Corinthians 3:1-3).***

**I. THE BATTLE BETWEEN THE SPIRIT OF GOD AND THE FLESH.**

 ***[Galatians 5:17] For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish.***

***[Romans 8:13] For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.***

***[Colossians 3:5] Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.***

**II. WALKING IN THE SPIRIT = LIVing UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF h.s**

***[John 3:3-5] Jesus answered and said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.” [4] Nicodemus said to Him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” [5] Jesus answered, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.***

***[Titus 3:5] not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,***

***[1 Peter 1:23] having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever,***

***[Romans 8:9] But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.***

***[Romans 8:14] For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.***

***[2 Thessalonians 2:13-14] But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God from the beginning chose you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth, [14] to which He called you by our gospel, for the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ***

***[John 15:8] "By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.***

**III. THE "FRUITs OF THE SPIRIT."**

A. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ***[1 Corinthians 13:1-3, 13] Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. [2] And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. [3] And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing… [13] And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.***

***[Colossians 3:14] But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.***

B. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ***[Acts 8:39] Now when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught Philip away, so that the eunuch saw him no more; and he went on his way rejoicing.***

***[Philippians 4:4] Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!***

C. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ***[Romans 5:1] Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,***

***[Philippians 4:7] and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.***

D. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ***[2 Peter 3:9] The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.***

***[Colossians 1:11; 3:11] strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy; ... Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering;***

E. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ***[Romans 12:20-21] Therefore "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; If he is thirsty, give him a drink; For in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head. [21] Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.***

***[Ephesians 4:32] And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ forgave you.***

F. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ***[Romans 15:14] Now I myself am confident concerning you, my brethren, that you also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another.***

***[Ephesians 5:9] (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth),***

G. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ***[1Timothy 1:12] And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who has enabled me, because He counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry,***

***[Matthew 25:21] "His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'***

H. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ***[Matthew 11:28-29] "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. [29] Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."***

***[Galatians 6:1] Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted.***

I. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ***[Acts 24:25] Now as he reasoned about righteousness, self-control, and the judgment to come, Felix was afraid and answered, "Go away for now; when I have a convenient time I will call for you."***

***[1 Corinthians 9:25] And everyone who competes for the prize is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but we for an imperishable crown.***

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***"Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts" (Romans 13:13-14).***