

WELCOME TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

TODAY WE STUDY

THE FRUIT OF THE
SPIRIT

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Galatians 5:22-26

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another."

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I. NOTICE, IT IS THE F-R-U-I-T OF THE SPIRIT. It is not the F-R-U-I-T-S of the Spirit.

There are nine things listed here. These nine things are nine parts of one fruit. They are not nine different fruits. These come as a package like an apple has a peeling, meat, seed, etc.; like an orange has the same. These are all parts of the same fruit; they come in one package, and they are used in the fruit of the Spirit.

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The fruit of the Spirit which God gives to us here three area of help for the believer to enable the believer to walk in the Spirit of God as we go through life, rather than walking in the flesh. The three main areas are our relationship to ourselves, our relationship to others and our relationship to God himself. He provides for us what we need to be successful in a life where we can overcome the lust of the flesh to walk in the Spirit.

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**Three are that
relate to Ourselves**

1. LOVE

2. JOY

3. PEACE

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1. Love. The word “love” here in the Greek is the word “agape” which is a “deep abiding love.” There are several words for love in the Greek.

One is “phileo” which means “fondness.” This is like a person loves the food, loves good weather, etc.

The second is “eros” which is physical love.

The third is “agape” which means deep, abiding love. God wants us to have a deep, abiding love for ourself, others and for Him. This does not come from the flesh so he provides it to us in the Fruit of the Spirit.

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2. Joy, Only the Lord can supply joy in difficult times and the joy the world can never take away. No matter what is going on in our life the Holy Spirit supplies our joy even when we don't seem to have joy.

Joy is not happiness, or the lack of sadness. It is a deep inner contentment that our surrounding circumstances have no affect on.

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3. Peace. The word “peace” comes from the word which means “harmony.” It implies all the parts of a musical number being sung properly and harmoniously.

The Fruit of the Holy Spirit brings us a peace inside ourselves that the world does not have nor can it provide it.

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God understands we need help in overcoming the flesh. It starts with the individual so the fruit he gives us enables us, the individual to have the basic ingredients to live in the Spirit. He supply's it for us. Love, joy and peace the very things we personally need to live with ourselves in the Spirit.

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THREE AREAS THAT RELATES TO OTHERS

4. LONG SUFFERING

5. GENTLENESS

6. GOODNESS

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4. Longsuffering. This word comes from a word which means “no retaliation when provoked.” (enduring injury, trouble, or provocation long and patiently.)

The Lord knew that we would be provoked. He knew that folks would be unkind to us; some would hate us for his sake. So our Lord reminds us not to retaliate in any way when provoked. That He has already provided the answer for us. The Holy Spirit would give us the fruit of Longsuffering to help others, not ourselves.

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5. Gentleness. The word “gentleness” comes from two words which mean “unto fitting.” It means that we are to be appropriate with others. Gentleness gives me moral goodness and integrity.

We are to be appropriate or act with mortal integrity in any and every given situation. With all people.

God knew it would not be natural for us so, He gives us the Holy Spirit which gives us the fruit of gentleness to use for others.

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6. Goodness. The word “goodness” here means Uprightness and heart and life. Again this is for our relationship with others.

In man goodness is not a mere passive quality, but the deliberate preference of right to wrong, the firm and persistent resistance of all moral evil, and the choosing and following of all moral good.

We can, through the fruit of the Spirit always treat other correctly.

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Matthew 22:37- 38 "Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself."

How???

By the fruit of the Spirit, not by or in the flesh.

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THREE AREAS THAT RELATE TO GOD

7. FAITH

8. MEEKNESS

9. TEMPERANCE

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7. Faith. The word “faith” means “casting upon” or “complete trust.” We are to realize that though we have love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness and goodness, yet we are to trust completely in the Lord. All of our human reasoning, all of our human abilities, all of our goodness, all of our love, all of our joy, all of our peace, etc., cannot be accompanied without fully trusting Him. We are to cast ourselves upon the Holy Spirit and trust the Lord to help us in everything. Where we humanly fail in this, we can depend on the fruit of God's spirit to give us the faith we need.

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Hebrews 11:6 "But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."

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8. Meekness. The word “meekness” means humility, the biblical definition is total dependence on God and not upon yourself. It is the total opposite of arrogance and pride which are works of our flesh.

Meekness is a fruit of the Spirit that seems very much lost in our aggressive, self-centered culture. Because people associate it with weakness, most today do not admire others for being “meek.” It is a quality of character very noticeable in the greatest human being ever to grace this earth—and one that all of us sorely need today. So God provides it in the fruit of the Spirit.

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So then when we meet with God and man we should not be arrogant but humble, realizing I don't deserve heaven I don't deserve God's blessing, but by grace and face God has given us all. And so when dealing with others and with God we must realize that he has provided everything for us and we are selves.

1 Peter 5:10-11 "But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you. To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen."

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9. Temperance. Here is an interesting word. It is the word “kratos” from which we get our word “karate.” The word means “strength.”

Actually, here it means “strength of spirit” or “self-control.” We are to restrain ourselves when we go in life. In other words, we must have enough self-control to make ourselves behave properly privately and publicly and in our relationship with the Lord and with people.

So the fruit of the Spirit that God himself gives us enables us to have this control. We can not accomplish this ourselves somGod provides this in the fruit of the Spirit.

The works of the Flesh

- 1. adultery**
- 2. fornication**
- 3. uncleanness**
- 4. lasciviousness**
- 5. idolatry**
- 6. witchcraft**
- 7. hatred**
- 8. variance**
- 9. emulations**
- 10. wrath**
- 11. strife**
- 12. seditions**
- 13. heresies**
- 14. envyings**
- 15. murders**
- 16. drunkenness**
- 17. revellings**
- 18. such like**

All are the opposite of having the fruit of the Spirit.