

The Fruit of the Spirit Pt. I
Galatians 5:22-26
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The concept of fruitfulness flows from a theme that ran throughout the Old Testament. See Isaiah 5:2-4, Hosea 14:6, and Psalm 1:3.

If you have placed your trust in Jesus Christ, there will be _____ – those whom God has redeemed, God will affect in such a way that His own holiness will be noticeably reflected in their actions.

The Fruit of the Spirit are organized into three groups of three virtues:

Love – Joy – Peace
Patience – Kindness – Goodness
Faithfulness – Gentleness – Self-control

Verse 23 – ‘Against _____ there is no law...’ –
What are some other fruits of the Spirit that are not listed here?

Fruit #1 – Love (ah-GAH-pay)

How is AGAPE love different than other kinds of love?

Godly love is foundational to all that a follower of Christ ___ and _____.
- Matthew 20:46-30. The Great Commandment is all about love.
- 1 Corinthians 13. Paul’s description of agape love parallels the Fruits of the Spirit.

The greatest expression of love you can give is by bringing another human being _____ to Christ.

*There is no law against true AGAPE love. But there are laws against false loves. Walking in the Spirit means loving according to the Spirit, not according to the flesh.

Fruite #2 – Joy – (cah-RAH)

To be sure, the gospel message has a _____ to it..

...but the joy of being redeemed by the work of Jesus Christ should overpower whatever hardships we encounter.

Is JOY truly different from happiness?

Joy is more closely related to _____ than it is to circumstantial happiness. (see James 1:1-2, Philippians 4:11-13)

There is a *thrill* to joy! John MacArthur describes joy as...
‘The exhilaration of the heart that comes from being right with God.’

NOTE: Our capacity for joy is undeniably linked to our ability to remember the gift of the cross. Consider this as we partake of Communion together.

Fruilt #3 – Peace – (Ay-RAY-nay)

This fruit reflects two realities:

1. Peace _____ God

Romans 5:1 – *Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

2. The peace _____ God

Philippians 4:7 – *And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

*You cannot have the second without the first!