

The Apple & The Tree
Fruit of the Spirit Part 4
Ministry of the Holy Spirit
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Introduction

Overview of Galatians

Circumcision and Its Historical Significance with Proselytes to Judaism

Previous Sermons Recap

1. Pastor Denis: Galatians 5:1-6

- o Key Point: What Counts is Faith Expressing Itself Through Love
- o **Galatians 5:6 NIV:** "For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love."

2. Elder Cindy: Galatians 5:14

- o Key Point: What He Called You From & What He Called You To
- o **Galatians 5:14 NIV:** "For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

3. Bishop Lovelace: Galatians 5:16-18

- o Key Point: I'm Coming Out
- o **Galatians 5:16-18 NIV:** "So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law."

Today's Scripture: Galatians 5:19-23

- **Galatians 5:19-23 NIV:** "The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law."
- The Two Trees: Acts of the Flesh and Fruit of the Spirit.

Biblical References to Trees and Fruit

1. **Matthew 7:17-20 NIV:** "Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them."
 - Highlights how our actions and character reflect our spiritual health.
2. **John 15:5 NIV:** "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."
 - You are supposed to bear much fruit.
3. **1 Corinthians 13:4 NIV:** "Love is patient, love is kind."
 - The fruit is Love.