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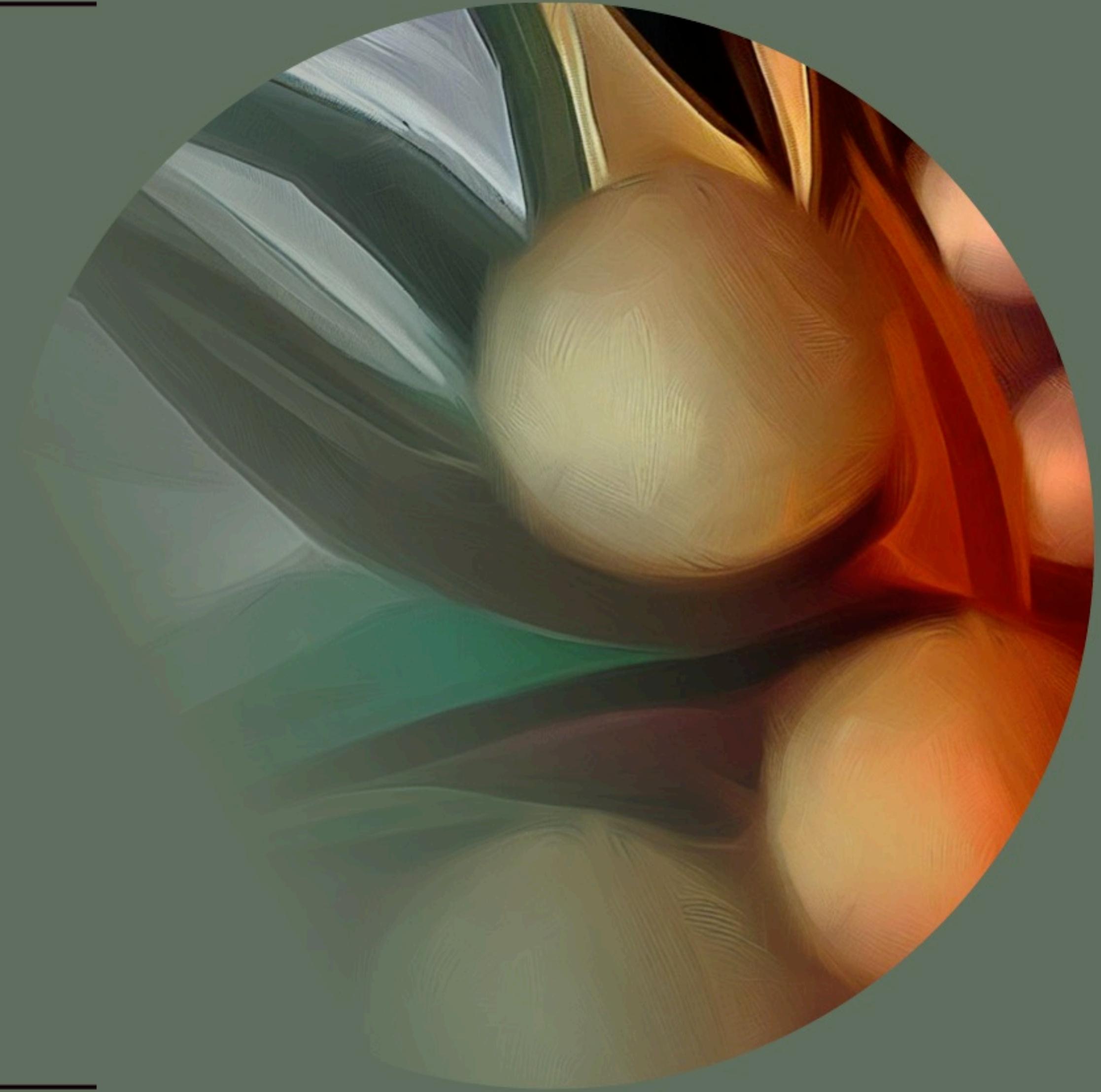


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Week Three: *Galatians 5:16-23*

# FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

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# THE BATTLE BETWEEN SPIRIT AND FLESH

*<sup>21</sup> ... for if righteousness were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose. ... <sup>2</sup> Let me ask you only this: Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by hearing with faith?*

Galatians 2:21–3:2

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# THE BATTLE BETWEEN SPIRIT AND FLESH

*<sup>13</sup> For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. <sup>14</sup> For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>15</sup> But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.*

Galatians 5:13–15

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# THE BATTLE BETWEEN SPIRIT AND FLESH

*<sup>16</sup> But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup> For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. <sup>18</sup> But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.*

Galatians 5:16–18

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# THE WORKS OF THE FLESH

*<sup>19</sup> Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, <sup>20</sup> idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, <sup>21</sup> envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.*

Galatians 5:19–21

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# THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

*<sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.*

Galatians 5:22–23

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“The fruit of the Spirit is the natural produce of his gracious inward influence, the spontaneous and inevitable result of him uniting us to Jesus Christ. It will take time to grow, but grow it must, for God will make it grow. What we are to do in the meantime is cultivate this spiritual fruit.”

**PHILIP RYKEN**



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# THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

*<sup>17</sup> Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. <sup>18</sup> And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.*

2 Corinthians 3:17–18

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The Spirit works through means – through the objective means of grace, namely, biblical truth, prayer, fellowship, worship, and the Lord’s Supper, and with them through the subjective means of grace whereby we open ourselves to change, namely, thinking, listening, questioning oneself, examining oneself, admonishing oneself, sharing what is in one’s heart with others, and weighing any response they make. The Spirit shows his power in us ... by making these regular means effective to change us for the better and for the wiser as we go along ... Habit forming is the Spirit’s ordinary way of leading us on in holiness... Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control are all of them habitual... ways of thinking, feeling, and behaving.

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