

Faithfulness, Gentleness, Self- Control

Gal 5: 22-6: 6

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- It is only fitting that we should study this passage since last week, we celebrated the Lord's Supper where we were instructed to "examine oneself." (1 Cor 11: 28)
 - We found the 3 triads which describe the "fruit of the Spirit"
 - First triad.....love, joy, peace
 - These reflect the inner change one experiences when they are "born again."

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- Second...triad...
 - Patience, kindness and goodness
 - This aspect of the “fruit of the Spirit”
 - Assists us in dealing with the trials of life
- The third triad is what we look at today
 - Faithfulness, gentleness and self-control
 - This triad assists in dealing with other believers
- It not coincidental that as soon as the description of the fruit concludes....
 - The application of all 9 aspects of the fruit is laid out for us in Gal 5: 24-6: 6

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- Interestingly, the application of the fruit....
 - Vs...24....starts with a discipling of oneself
 - Question....why do you think that is?
 - Why should the very first step be to deny our fleshly passions?
- The answer is.....
 - Obedience requires discipline
 - I Pet 1: 14-19
 - Holiness requires separation from sin

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- Question...what is the greatest sin of the Church other than unbelief?
 - The answer is.....
 - Selfishness.....
 - That is what caused Adam and Eve to sin
 - That is what caused Aaron and Miriam to oppose Moses
 - That is what caused Judas to betray Christ
 - That is what caused Pharisees to kill Jesus
 - John 11: 47-50

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- Now we can more fully understand II Cor 6: 16-7: 1
- Gal 6: 1
 - There are a many things to explore in this verse
 - First.....if anyone is caught in any trespass
 - James 3: 2.....we all.....stumble
 - Second....you who are spiritual
 - How do you know if you are spiritual?
 - The test of spirituality is.....

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- The ability to forgive
 - Matt 18: 21-22
- Why does Paul use the word... “spiritual?”
 - Because in our flesh we have no ability to forgive 70 times 7
 - But the Spirit....”quickenning us causes us to do so”
 - Vs 1.....in a spirit of gentleness
 - A gentle forgiving spirit is not of the flesh
 - Rather it is from God.....gifting us with gentleness

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- Vs 1...each one looking to yourself???
 - Doesn't that sound like...."examining yourself?"
 - Why would we do this?
 - Rom 12: 3
 - "to think so as to have sound judgment"
- There is something every Christian need to know
 - We need one another in this battle we call life
 - I Thess 5: 11; Heb 10: 24-25

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- I Thess 5: 14-15
 - Question.....
 - How are we going to do this.....
 - If our lives are lived in a rollercoaster manner?
 - 2nd Question.....
 - If you know someone is struggling....
 - Is it your responsibility to help them?
 - John 8: 1-11
 - 3rd Question...
 - How are we to do this?

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- Vs 1....in a spirit of gentleness
 - “looking to yourself”
 - How would you want to be treated if the roles were reversed?
 - Luke 10: 30-37
- Vs 2....thereby fulfill the law of Christ
 - Luke 10: 27
- What was Cain’s response to God’s question?
 - You bet your life you are.....

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- What love could remember no wrongs we have done
- Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum
- Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
- Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

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- What patience would wait as we constantly roam
- What Father, so tender, is calling us home
- He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor
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- What riches of kindness He lavished on us
- His blood was the payment, His life was the cost
- We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
- Our sins they are many His mercy is more

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- Praise the Lo---rd
- His mercy is mo—re
- Stronger than darkness, new every morn
- Our sins they are many
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