



## FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

### Session 2 “The Fruit of Love”

#### Galatians 5:16-23 New King James Version (NKJV)

<sup>16</sup> I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

<sup>17</sup> For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. <sup>18</sup> But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

<sup>19</sup> Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: <sup>[a]</sup>adultery, <sup>[b]</sup>fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, <sup>20</sup> idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, <sup>21</sup> envy, <sup>[c]</sup>murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told *you* in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

<sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> <sup>[d]</sup>gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

#### I. REVIEW

##### A. We are born of the spirit

1. We are to Walk in the Spirit – (Live by the Spirit)
2. We are to be led by the Spirit
3. Living and walking in the spirit is the process of overcoming the flesh
4. Overcoming the flesh is not just saying NO to the flesh, it is yielding (saying yes to) the Spirit.



5. The more we say yes to the Spirit living within us, the more we will overcome the flesh

**B. Overcoming the flesh is included in the process of us receiving our inheritance**

**C. We will not inherit all that God has for us if we are yielding to our flesh**

**D. It is possible to be saved and make it to heaven and never receive the fullness of your inheritance that is provided for you here on earth**

**E. Included in our inheritance is;**

1. An eternal destination – heaven
2. Blessings on earth that are reaped as we yield to the spirit and deny the flesh

**F. The Development of the Fruit of the Spirit in our Lives is Absolutely Essential in Receiving our Inheritance**

1. Fruit = Inheritance
2. Continual Yielding to the Flesh = Inheritance Lost

## II. THE FRUIT OF LOVE

**A. The Fruit of the Spirit is One Fruit Manifested In Many Ways**

**B. Galatians 5:22-23 (KJV) –** <sup>22</sup>But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, <sup>23</sup>Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

1. A tree will only produce one type of fruit: *apple, pears, oranges, etc*
2. The Spirit living in us produces fruit manifested in nine ways.



### C. Every fruit of the Spirit is Love manifested

1. Love has a connection to all fruit – joy, peace, patience, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, self-control.

### D. Compare 1 Cor 13:4-8 to Galatians 5:22-23

**1 Corinthians 13:4-8 (NIV)** – <sup>4</sup>Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. <sup>5</sup>It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. <sup>6</sup>Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup>It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. <sup>8</sup>Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away.

1. Love is Patient = The fruit of Patience
2. Love is Kind = The fruit of Kindness
3. Love does not Envy = The fruit of Peace – (Peace doesn't envy)
4. Love does not boast = The fruit of Gentleness/Meekness
5. Love is not easily angered – The fruit of Self-Control
6. Love does not delight in evil – The fruit of Goodness
7. Love does not rejoice in evil but good – The fruit of real Joy
8. Love bears all things – trust, hopes, etc. – The fruits of Patience and Faithfulness.

### ***THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS LOVE IN MANIFESTATION***

### E. Love Initiated and Proceeded forth from God and is a gift to everyone who is Born Again.

**1 John 4:7 (NIV)** – Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.



**1 John 4:10 (NIV)** – This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

1. Love comes from God
2. God demonstrated his love for us by the sacrifice of His son for our sins.
3. Once we receive His love, we also receive the capacity to love God with all of our heart, soul, & mind –
  - a. **Matthew 22:37 (KJV)** – 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.
  - b. The FIRST manifestation of the fruit of the Spirit – LOVE – will be our ability to love God.
  - c. *Song – O How I Love Jesus - Because He first loved me!*
4. Jesus prayed that the Love of God would be in us.
  - a. **John 17:26 (KJV)** – And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.
5. Once we are born-again, we not only have the capacity to love God, but now have the capacity to love others.
  - a. Along with the fruit of the Spirit working in our lives enabling us to love God comes the supernatural flow of love enabling us to love others.
  - b. Our love for God is never complete apart from a true demonstration of love toward others.



- c. The love of God doesn't end with Him loving us
  - d. God's love gives us the ability to love others
6. Once I am born-again, I have the DNA of God, His nature.
- a. God's DNA include all of the fruit of the Spirit
  - b. God is love; His nature is love. – 1 John 4:8

#### F. Various Scripture on Love

1. **Matthew 22:37-39 (KJV)** – <sup>37</sup>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. <sup>38</sup>This is the first and great commandment. <sup>39</sup>And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.
  - a. First – Love God
  - b. Second – Love Others
2. **1 John 4:11 (KJV)** – Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.
3. **1 John 4:20 (KJV)** – If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?

#### G. The fruit of practical Christian love involves seeking the welfare of others

1. **1 Corinthians 10:24 (NIV)** – No one should seek their own good, but the good of others.



2. **Philippians 2:4 (NIV)** – not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others
3. We manifest the fruit of love when we bless others
4. The test of real love is; it will benefit others, help others, and leave others better off.
5. The primary commandment of the New Testament is Love

**John 13:34-35 (KJV)** – <sup>34</sup>A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another

6. Jesus said, love others as I have loved you. How did He love us?
  - a. While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us – Romans 5:8
  - b. We are to love others as they are yet sinning against us
  - c. Through this demonstration of love, we are overcoming evil with good.

**Romans 12:21 (KJV)** – Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

7. Love is not tested with those you like, but with those who are difficult.
  - a. Everyone experiences SANDPAPER people
  - b. Do you have any sandpaper people in your life?
8. The primary key to our effective witness to the world is how we treat and get along with one another, especially those who are difficult.



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9. The way of the unsaved is selfishness, the way of the Christian is love.

#### **H. The fruit of love is Sacrificial**

**1 John 3:16 (KJV)** – Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

1. This is the kind of fruit that people need to see and experience in the church and in Christians today
2. This is the kind of fruit that will draw the unsaved to Christ and to the Church
3. It is possible for us to experience this fruit of love because we have Jesus living inside of us.
4. We must believe that the Holy Spirit residing in us is able to bring forth this fruit of love in our daily routine
5. We should ask the Holy Spirit for the fruit of love
6. We should enter our day expecting God's love to flow from us.

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