

Galatians 5

Main Idea: The ministry of the Holy Spirit in the Christ-follower is fruit bearing.

Monuments – The Holy Spirit

Sometimes we need to be reminded of the foundational principles of our faith. Yet another distinguishing mark of Christianity, separating it from other world religions, is the gift of the Holy Spirit. Unlike Islam, Judaism, and Hinduism, Christianity claims that upon the authentic decision to follow Jesus, the Spirit actually fills the Christ-follower. That is unique and further separates Christianity from other world religions.

John 14 and 16

According to John chs.14 and 16, as Jesus was preparing to leave His disciples, He promised them that God's Spirit would replace His leadership in their lives by providing several integral resources:

- ✓ Knowledge – John 14:26 The Spirit helps us recognize the truth concerning our situation.
- ✓ Promptings – John 14:26 The Spirit reminds us of God's ways.
- ✓ Guidance – John 16:13 He is called the "Advocate, Counselor, Helper."
- ✓ Comfort – John 16:15 He reassures us when the path is unclear.

Jesus our Model

Jesus Christ displayed, at various times in His ministry, each of the four personality types or styles. Given specific circumstances and environments, He elevated different personality traits to best suit the scene – to be most effective. Jesus Christ, our Model, appropriately handled people, situations and circumstances.

- High D – Matthew 21:12ff; 23:13-17a (Dominant, Demanding)
- High I – Matthew 14:13-18; John 8:1-11 (Inspirational, Interactive)
- High S – John 13:2-9 (Stable, Submissive)
- High C – Matthew 21:23-27 (Cautious, Calculating)

Character

So how do we know when to be demanding and when to be submissive? How do we know when to be critical and when to be flexible? When to be steady and when to risk it all? When to care about the opinions and feelings of others and when to go our own way? That job belongs to the Holy Spirit. That's what fruit-bearing looks like.

Character matters to God. Character is what we are becoming; it's the legacy that we are building. Some people would like to be judged not by who they are, but by the titles they have earned or the position they hold, regardless of the nature of their character. But credentials can never accomplish what character can.

Family Night Big idea – Read Galatians 5:16-26

- Elementary School – Ask, "Along with God the Father and Jesus, who is the third member of the Trinity? How should we 'walk' (v.16)? How many fruits of the Spirit are there (vv.22-23)? With whom should we 'keep in step' (v.25)?"
- Middle/ High School – Ask, "What is 'the flesh' (v.16)? How would you describe the conflict mentioned in v.17? Of the 9 fruits listed by Paul, which comes easiest to you? Which is most difficult?"

Prayer: "Heavenly Father, we want to respond to Your Spirit and bear fruit. Amen."

Velocity (Middle and High School Students)

Velocity: Meets this Wednesday, October 1st.

Gravity: Today in both services.

Today's Songs

Can't Help But Praise.....Jordan Colle

Who You Say I Am.....Hillsong

Praise You Anywhere.....Brandon Lake

Baptism

October 26th. Use the Communication Card to let us know if you are interested or have questions.

PlusONE

We want to challenge you to add one thing to your church attendance on Sunday to strengthen your Faithwalk. It will take initiative on your part and we would be glad to show you how!

Savannah Bananas

Game is this Thursday, October 2nd.

Boo Bash

October 26th. We need help with Trunk or Treat, Cake Walk, and donations. Sign up at the Welcome Desk.