



A Spirit Led Life

Galatians 5:16-24

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

[24] And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

Outline

Context Within Galatians (5:16-18)

Works of a Self-Led life (5:19-21)

Fruit of a Spirit-Led Life(5:22-23)

True Freedom (24)

An open book with several keys resting on it. The text "Context within Galatians" is overlaid in white. The book's pages are visible, showing some text, including "26 'But if we say, 'From men,' we fear the multitude: for they all hold John to be 'a... Mat 11:9 Mark 6:20... us, they said, 'Net... them, 'Net... I do... scriptures... STONE WHICH THE... HIS BECAME THE CHIEF... THIS CAME ABOUT FROM THE... AND IT IS MARVELOUS IN... 43 'Therefore I say to you, the... God will be taken away from you... a nation producing the... who falls on this stone...".

Context within Galatians

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*[14] For the whole law is fulfilled in one word:
“You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”*

Two Ethical Frameworks in Galatia

Legalism: Salvation is achieved by obedience to the Law. Therefore, strict conforming to ethic and moral law is necessary for salvation. (1:1-5:12)

Lawlessness: Salvation is achieved from Christ. Therefore, there are no ethical or moral limitations on Christians. (5:13-6:10)

Two Ethical Frameworks in Galatia

Both are examples of self-centered and inward-focused lives.

Therefore, the law is not a burden on Christians. (5:13-6:10)

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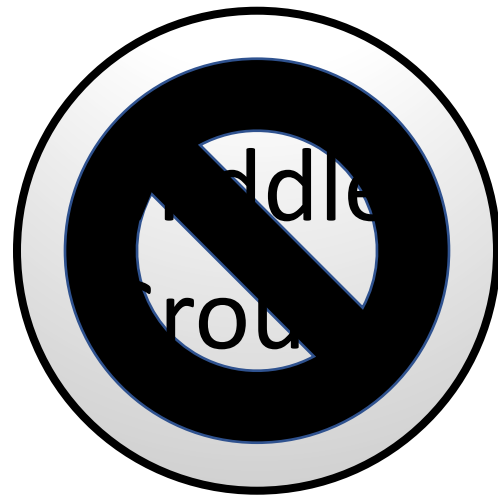
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Middle
Ground

Lawlessness



Legalism



Lawlessness



Works of a Self-Led Life

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Works
of the
Flesh

- Self over Love (Or, Agapé)

- Self over God

- Self over Others

- Self over Nature

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Fruit of a Spirit-Led Life

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peace, patience, kindness, goodness,
faithfulness, [23] gentleness, self-control;
against such things there is no law.*

Love (Or, Agapé)

A selfless and outward-focused life in our actions and attitudes; described by the subsequent “fruit” of the Spirit.



Joy (Or, Chara)

Happiness rooted in recognizing God's
Grace instead of our circumstances.

Peace (Or, Eiréné)

Wholeness in all
relationships despite
hardships.



Patience (Or, Makrothumia)

Long-enduring perceived wrongdoings without responding in anger or fear by trusting God to make things right.

Kindness (Or, Chrístotés)

Meeting the needs of others with grace and mercy instead of cruelty and harshness.

Goodness (Or, Agathosune)


Treating another excellently
based on who they are.

Faithfulness (Or, Pistis)

Keeping promises with others as God kept his promises with you.

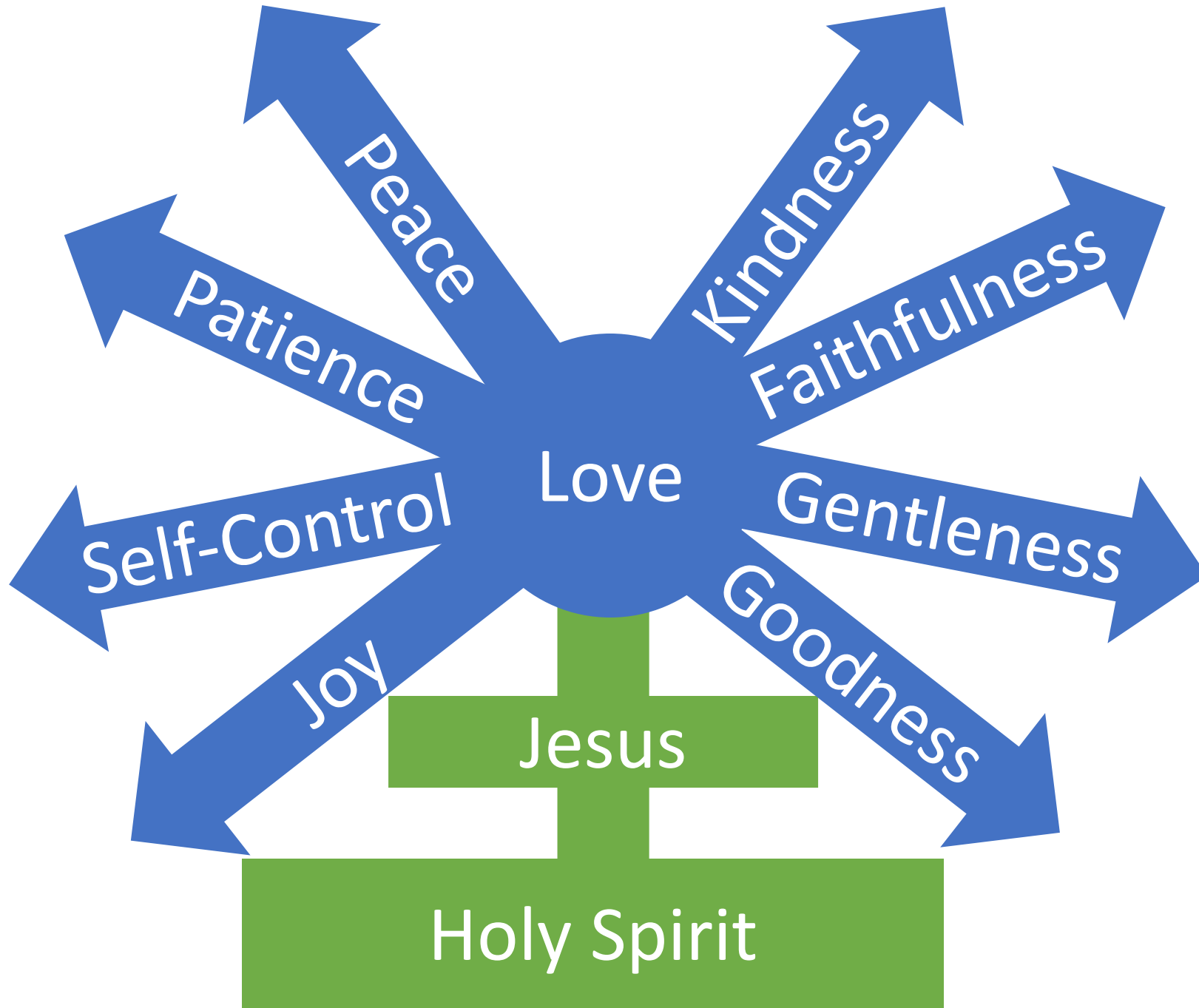
Gentleness (Or, Prautés)

Acting in consideration of others weakness
instead of our own strengths.



Self-Control (Or, Egkrateia)

Regulating our desires through the
Kingdom of Heaven.



Tending the Fruit of the Spirit

- Pruning the Works of the Flesh (Self-Reflection)
- Watering the Fruit of the Spirit (Actively Practicing Loves Attributes)



A wooden cross stands on a mountain peak, with a sunset sky in the background. The cross is made of two weathered wooden logs. The sky is filled with soft, orange and pink clouds, and the mountains in the distance are shrouded in a light mist. The text "True Freedom" is centered over the cross.

True Freedom

[24] And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

True Freedom

We are finally free to belong to God as His daughters and sons again.

