

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

(Galatians 5:22-23)

I. PAUL DEFENDS HIS AUTHORITY AND THE ORIGINATION OF HIS GOSPEL (Gal. 1 & 2)

II. PAUL DEFENDS JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH (Gal. 3 & 4)

III. PAUL DEFENDS CHRISTIAN LIBERTY AND LIVING BY GRACE (Gal. 5 & 6)

A. You are to STAND FAST in Grace against LEGALISM (5:1-12)

B. You are to STAND FIRM in Liberty against LICENSE (5:13-26)

1. A believer's liberty in grace encourages a daily walk by faith in Jesus Christ by means of the Holy Spirit (5:16-18)
2. A believer MAY choose to walk in the flesh, and manifest the licentious works of his/her sin nature, thereby grieving and quenching the Holy Spirit (5:19-21)
3. A believer SHOULD make the wise choice and walk by means of the Holy Spirit, thereby bearing the Fruit of the Spirit (5:22-23)

a. *"The works of the flesh"* (in verses 19-21) and *"the fruit of the Spirit"* (in verses 22-23) are contrasted in at least three ways...

1) They are contrasted in titles: _____ vs. _____

2) They are contrasted of source: _____ vs. _____

3) They are contrasted in number: *works* (_____) vs. *fruit* (_____)

b. *"But the fruit of the Spirit is..."*

-- *"love"*

-- *"goodness"*

-- *"joy"*

-- *"faithfulness"*

-- *"peace"*

-- *"gentleness"*

-- *"longsuffering"*

-- *"self-control"*

-- *"kindness"*

* How is this “*fruit of the Spirit*” different from what is going on in Charismatic and Pentecostal churches today?

c. The “*works of the flesh*” are produced by _____ and your _____, whereas the “*fruit of the Spirit*” is only produced by the _____ of _____.

d. God _____ asks you to produce fruit, but He does ask you to _____. (John 15:1-5)

* According to John 15:4 WHAT is the key to fruit bearing?

* According to John 15:4-5 WHO is the key to fruit bearing?

* How can this dependency eliminate “fruit inspectors”?

e. With Paul’s statement, “*Against such there is no law,*” he was declaring that there was no law that could _____ this fruit, nor was there any law that could _____ it.

* How can you personally apply this truth in your life?