

Freedom in Christ from Sin

Paul continues with the practical aspects of the truth that our salvation is by grace through faith alone. Last week we studied a “sin list” that God’s has provided to show us to test whether we are walking in the flesh and not the Spirit. (*Galatians 5:19-21*). The scriptures go on to list the fruit of the Spirit. Those spiritual qualities that indicate we are living for the Lord Jesus in the power of His Spirit.

Galatians 5:22-26

The Fruit of the Spirit. Like a tree, whose fruit is produced by a power not visible to the human eye, when cultivated, it yields results in visible realm. Remember the physical cannot change the spiritual, but the spiritual can change the physical. The good and blessed fruit of the Holy Spirit can only produce through a living abiding relationship with Jesus Christ. (*John 15:1-17*).

1. **Love.** *Agape*. The characteristic word for Christianity. good will, selfless love. 1 Cor. 13

2. **Joy.** Gladness _____
3. **Peace.** Tranquility, Quietness and rest. One is assured of their salvation by faith in Christ and fear none of God’s wrath because they are an object of God’s eternal love on the basis of Christ’s work. In addition, it is contentment with our earthly portion or lot.
Matthew 10:12-13- _____
4. **Forbearance:** patient endurance, constancy, perseverance. Bearing up under troubles.
James 1:12 _____
5. **Kindness:** Chrestotes: in the sense of what is upright, righteous, gentle. It is goodness in action. Ruth 2:3 _____
6. **Goodness:** *agathosyne*: Jerome, [4th century church father and translator of what is known as the Latin Vulgate} distinguishes between *chrestotes* and *agathosune* in that the former describes the kindlier aspects of "goodness," the latter also includes the sterner qualities by which doing "good" to others is not necessarily by gentle means. He illustrates the latter by the act of Christ in cleansing the temple, Matthew 21:12-13 and in denouncing the scribes and Pharisees, Matthew 23:13-38 (Blue Letter Bible)
7. **Faithfulness:** one who can be relied upon. A person who trusts in the LORD without wavering. _____

8. **Gentleness:** Meekness-not weakness, humility. A soothing disposition. Strength under control. _____

9. **Self-control.** Mastery of desires and passions. Especially sensual appetites.

We read in verse 23 that there is no law against these things. These are the essence of living for the LORD. Those who belong to Christ Crucify their flesh (sin nature). This is not physical rather spiritual. When we come to Christ we are baptized in the Spirit. Immersed in Him. We are identified with Christ in His life, death and resurrection.

Galatians 2:20,21

Romans 6:1-12

We are to live in the Spirit and keep in step with him. Verse 25

John 3:5-6

Galatians 5:16
