

Series: Free in Christ

Title: Transforming Fruits of the Spirit

Text: (Gal 5:16-23)

Introduction: Recap Works of the Flesh: (vs 19-21)

Such like: Typical, Not Exhaustive

Being IN the Flesh, vs Walking AFTER the Flesh

A believer cannot walk IN the flesh,
BUT can intentionally follow AFTER the flesh.
When we are in the flesh cannot please God.

Satan appears as an angel of light: (2 Cor 11:14-15)
Satan Offers 9 Flesh Counterfeits to the Fruits of the Spirit.

The Fruits of the Spirit: (Gal 5:22-23) 3 groupings

Transforming: Love, Joy, & Peace

Conforming: Longsuffering, Gentleness, & Goodness

Reforming: Faith, Meekness, & Temperance

God works from the Inside out.

The inner man communicates with God.

I. Fruit of the Spirit-Love Vs Hate:

“Agape” is God’s kind of love.

Selfless, Sacrificial, no Strings attached.

God the Son also gave Himself willingly: (Eph 5:2)

(1 Pet 2:21-25) Follow in his Steps.

Embody His character.

Respond according to His example.

Love is God’s tool for showing unselfish favor to undeserving people. (1 Cor 13:1-3)

The opposite of the fruit of the Spirit-Love is Hate.

Satan created a Subtle Alternative to Love.

Self Love is giving of myself to benefit others with selfish thoughts of return.

II. Fruit of the Spirit - Joy vs. Frustration (Phil 4:4)

(Prov 15:13) *A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance:*

(Rom 8:28-29) is the Promise that we can Trust God’s heart in all circumstances of life.

We must understand God’s purpose for Adversity:

To Wound the Outer man and his pride.

To Allow the Inner man, to shine.

To Display our love for God.

To Conform us to be like Christ.

To Lead others to salvation in Christ.

III. Fruit of the Spirit Peace vs. Worry

(2 Tim 3:10-12)

Paul had been persecuted in 3 places. (Acts 13:44-46)

Persecution in Iconium: (Acts 14:1-7)

Persecution in Lystra: (Acts 14:19-21)

The Devil’s Counterfeit: WORRY

These 1st 3 fruits of the Spirit, LOVE, JOY, PEACE are Inner-being Transformation.