

The Fruit of the Spirit - HS Pt 5

Gal 5:22 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.

- The Fruit of the Spirit is not a stand-alone teaching → it is taught within a larger context
- Judaizers said Gentile believers must be circumcised and conform to Jewish customs to be saved
- They might ask, "If people are free from the constraints of the law, how will they walk in righteousness?"
 - Perhaps they thought only the law could constrain the evil tendency of man - the works of the flesh
- When you read of the fruit of the Spirit, your first thought might be - how do I get more of this into my life?
- This fruit is a byproduct & evidence of life in the Spirit not something we create through human effort

What else does the letter to the Galatians teach about the Holy Spirit (outside of Chapter 5)

- Gal 3:2 Let me ask you only this: Did you **receive the Spirit** by works of the law or by hearing with **faith**?
- Gal 3:5 Does **he who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles** among you do so by works of the law, or by hearing **with faith**--
- Gal 4:6 And because you are sons, **God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts**, crying, "Abba! Father!"-----[The heir, a child, is like a slave, owning all. God sent his Son to redeem from law & adopt us.]
- Gal 2:20 ESV I have been crucified with Christ. **It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.** And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

FOR FREEDOM CHRIST HAS SET US FREE- our freedom is FAITH through Spirit working by LOVE

Through the Spirit - FAITH WAITS for righteousness, FAITH WORKS through LOVE (fruit of the spirit)

- Gal 5:1-6 ESV **For freedom Christ has set us free**; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. 2 Look: I, Paul, say to you that if you accept circumcision, **Christ will be of no advantage** to you. 3 I testify again to every man who accepts circumcision that he is **obligated to keep the whole law**. 4 You are **severed from Christ**, you who would be justified by the law; you have **fallen away from grace**. **5 For through the Spirit, by faith**, we ourselves eagerly **wait for the hope of righteousness**. 6 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, **but only faith working through love**.

CALLED TO FREEDOM, not as an opportunity for the flesh → fulfill the intent of the law with LOVE (fruit)

- 13 **For you were called to freedom**, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, **but through LOVE serve one another**. 14 **For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall LOVE your neighbor as yourself."**

How to constrain the work of the flesh (recognize there are desires of flesh and desires of the Holy Spirit)

16 But I say, **WALK BY THE SPIRIT**, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. 17 For the desires of the flesh are **against the Spirit**, and the **desires of the Spirit** are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. 18 But if you are **LED BY THE SPIRIT, you are not under the law**. ----- the law shows us our sin --- a schoolmaster leading to Christ --- led by spirit - better than law

The Desires of My Flesh lead here - called the works (plural) of the flesh

19 Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, 20 idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, 21 envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

The Desires of the Holy Spirit lead me here -- FRUIT singular - perhaps all are aspects of LOVE

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. 25 If we **LIVE BY THE SPIRIT**, let us also **KEEP IN STEP WITH THE SPIRIT**.

- Gal 6:8 For the **one who sows to his own flesh** will from the flesh reap corruption, but the **one who SOWS TO THE SPIRIT** will from the Spirit reap eternal life.
- Walk by the Spirit, Be led by the Spirit, Live by the Spirit, Keep in step with the Spirit, Sow to the Spirit