

# Fruit of the Spirit Series

Introduction

Galatians 5:22



# 3 Reasons for this Series

- **Living out the Fruit of the Spirit is our calling and purpose.**
  - 1 John 3:2 Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is
  - Eph 5:1 Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children



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- The Fruit of the Spirit reveals the authenticity of the faith of ours and others.
  - Matt 7:15-20 "Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thorn bushes, or figs from thistles? Likewise every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.

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- It's the Fruit of the Spirit that the world needs to see in the church in order to believe.
  - John 13:34-35 A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."



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English is a strange language. There is no butter in buttermilk and no egg in eggplant. There is no ham in a hamburger and no apple in a pineapple. Quicksand works very slowly and boxing rings are square. Inconsistencies of language are not significant. Inconsistencies in life are significant. Christians must act like Christians. Our words and deeds must be consistent with what we profess.



# What is Fruit?

- Fruit is the produce and benefit from life at work.
- It is the benefits that comes out in the Christian life and is cultivated into the believer by the operation of the Holy Spirit working in your life.



# Observations and Principles

## 1. A Singular Fruit but with 9 flavours or qualities

- love, joy and peace - toward God
- longsuffering (patient), kindness and goodness – toward others
- faithfulness (fidelity), gentleness and self-control – toward self



# Observations and Principles

2. Fruit is about Character not work.
3. Fruit is not acting to be like Christ, it is a result of life.
4. The Fruit of the Spirit is the result of abiding relationship with the Holy Spirit and thus a process



## John 15:1-4

I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.



# My Part

- **I need to understand my strengths and weaknesses.**
- **I need to become accountable in my weak areas.**
- **I would encourage you to talk to others who are strong in my weak areas.**
- **And do a project in my weak area.**



# God's Part

- **Minister to me while I pray about my weak areas.**
- **Ask God for wisdom on how to improve.**
- **Ask God to place you in a situation that will test you.**
- **And finally, ask God to make up the difference when you do your best.**

