

# The Fruit of the Spirit

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- 16 *This* I say then, ***Walk in the Spirit***, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.
- 17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.
- 18 But if ye be ***led of the Spirit***, ye are not under the law.
- 19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are *these*; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,
- 20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,
- 21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told *you* in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.
- 22 But the ***fruit of the Spirit*** is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,
- 23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.
- 24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.
- 25 If we ***live in the Spirit***, let us also ***walk in the Spirit***.

# Walk In The Spirit

- Ephesians 3:3-5 → 3 How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words, 4 Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ) 5 Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit;
- Ephesians 6:17 → And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

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# Love - Its Superiority

- *The superiority of love:*
  - The greatest of these is love. (I Corinthians 13:13)
  - The first and great commandment. (Matthew 22:36-40)
  - Love is the bond of perfectness. (Colossians 3:14)
  - God is love. (I John 4:8)

# What Is Love?

- The Greek language had four words that translate as “love” (eros, philia, storge, agape)
- Agape → “unconquerable benevolence, undefeatable goodwill”. The attitude that never seeks anything but the best for others, regardless of how others behave.
  - Matthew 5:44 → But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; (cf. Matthew 5:48; Romans 5:10)
  - Love is characterized by unselfishness, care and concern, forgiveness, sacrificial service, correction, discipline, obedience, and is to motivate all that we do. (Galatians 5:6, 13-14; I Corinthians 13; John 15:13-14; 14:15)

# Love

- The love of God.
  - I John 4:9-11 → 9 In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. 10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins. 11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. (cf. John 3:16)
- The love of Jesus Christ.
  - John 15:12-14 → 12 This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. 13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. 14 Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. (cf. Philippians 2:5-11)

# Joy

- Joy → “gladness, cheerfulness, delight.”  
Should be the atmosphere of a Christian’s life.
  - What are the things that bring us the greatest joy in life? Joy is not dependent on outward circumstances or material things.
- The New Testament is a book of joy.
  - “Joy or “To rejoice” occur over 130 times in the N.T.
  - Philippians 3:1 → “Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord.”
  - Philippians 4:4 → Rejoice in the Lord always: *and* again I say, Rejoice.