



Lesson One = The Fruit of the Spirit

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Introduction: Paul is engaged in the debate of grace-oriented Christianity over works-driven Judaism. In an effort to do that he writes the letter to Galatians. One of the things Paul feared was that the brethren would fail to walk by the Spirit. Let's open our Bibles and study his teaching

Discussion:

I. Bearing Fruit For God = "love, joy, peace"

Romans 5:8 says, "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

Romans 15:13 says, "Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

Romans 16:20 says, "And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen."

II. Bearing Fruit For Others = "longsuffering, kindness, goodness"

Romans 2:4 asks, "Do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?"

Romans 12:10 says, "Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another."

Romans 15:14 says, "Now I myself am confident concerning you, my brethren, that you also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another."

III. Bearing Fruit For Ourselves = "faithfulness, gentleness, self-control."

Romans 3:3 says, "For what if some did not believe? Will their unbelief make the faithfulness of God without effect?"

Romans 12:16 says, "Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion."

Romans 6:20-23 says, "When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness. What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death! But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves to God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Conclusion: We need to re-evaluate what we are doing, why we are doing it, and how it is improving our life. It's time to bear fruit! Are you ready to obey God's will?

WORD OF THE DAY = "SPIRIT"