

## Fruit of the Spirit

### Concept:

As we study what took place within us when we received Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, it becomes overwhelming to see the grace of God that is extended toward each of us. Just imagine coming into a full understanding of the fact that we are a new creation, a joint heir with Christ, a receiver of eternal life, sealed by the Holy Spirit into the body of Christ, a full pardon from sin, right standing with the creator of the universe, made a priest with access into the Holy of Holies, a revelation of the predetermined plan that the Lord has for my life, the Holy Spirit is my partner, the Lord is about to snatch me out of this earth to be with Him for ever, there is a mansion prepared for me, and I have the nature of God on the inside of me. That is just some of the grace extended to us that I need to have some understanding about so that I can begin to enjoy the benefits of what has been done for me the moment I received the Lord as my personal Lord and Savior. Isn't it great to see what the Lord lavished on you when you received Him as your Lord and Savior?

The one "happening" at the new birth that we want to address in this study is taking a look at the nature of God that is on the inside of me and how it manifests itself through my life. II Peter 1:4 shows us that the Lord deposits His nature inside of us at the time we became "born again". Romans 5:5 states that the Love of God has been poured into our hearts when we said yes to Christ's invitation to bring life into our dead spirit. I John 4:8 shows us that God and Love are the same thing. Therefore, when I receive God I receive Love. I could say that God has been poured into my heart. Love begins to manifest itself in my life by bearing the manifestation of the very nature of God. We commonly call these manifestations the fruit of the spirit. Really it is Love manifesting itself as joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. The Holy Spirit will begin to gradually manifest these "fruits" through my human spirit. I become a "tree" that the Holy Spirit uses to show off His fruit. John 15 gives us this picture by calling us the branch and the Lord the vine. All I have to do is abide in the vine, and then the nutrients from the Lord will produce the fruit for everyone to see. Everything that the Lord produces through me is far superior to what the world tries to conform me into by its standards and examples. The Lord's desire is to shape our character from the inside out with His grace fruit, while the world's system tries to conform me into their image by outside law pressure. We will see through the word how to let the Lord do His work by His Spirit through our reborn inner man.

### Definition:

Fruit: Karpos: Man has a three fold relationship to the universe: God, the world, and himself. The fruit comes in these three areas. God-love, joy, and peace. Fellow man-longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faithfulness, and meekness. Himself-self-control. When you plant a seed, the last thing to appear is the fruit so don't become discouraged over slow growth.

Love: Agape: All the fruit of the human spirit is a form of love. Love will always seek a man's highest well being no matter what he has done. Self-giving love that gives freely without asking anything in return is the God kind of Love. Love involves the idea of affection, reverence, prompt obedience, grateful appreciation for benefits, and is always given with no thought of return. Modeled in the life of Christ.

Joy: Chara: Christian joy is independent of outward circumstances, cheerfulness and calm delight, joy springs from a clear conscience that is free from guilt, a basic attitude that springs from out of your recreated spirit, and joy is always based on God's Word.

Peace: Eirene: Be at one, joined, a state of untroubled undisturbed well being, tranquility of mind based on a consciousness of a right relationship to God, safety and security and prosperity, quietness of the soul, and peace is a bridge between joy and longsuffering in human relationship. The Hebrew equivalent is Shalom. The word is also used for someone who is in authority and runs a town or business well.

Patience: Makrothuma: Usually always applies to dealings with people. God shows patience by bearing all of our sin and does not cast us off. A loving, forbearing, forgiving attitude that allows patience to have a solid base. Having a long fuse with people before there is an explosion of emotions. Cheerful and hopeful endurance that waits for an expectant result. Quality of self-restraint when it comes to any retaliation for the actions of others. Patience is the quality of character that does not surrender to circumstances or succumb under trial. It is the opposite of despondency and is associated with hope.

Kindness: Chrestotes: Expresses itself in deeds, attitudes and disposition, good-natured pleasantness displayed in mildness of temper and calmness of spirit, sweetness of disposition that puts others at ease. Kindness is not by natural birth but by the reborn spirit empowered human spirit. Generosity that springs from a heart that is "good". To be teachable and calm, moral excellence in character and demeanor.

Goodness: Agathosume: Goodness is a clean-cut honesty of conduct. The state of being virtuous, benevolent, generous, and godlike in conduct. Goodness can be kind and strong, it can rebuke, correct, and discipline where kindness will not discipline.

Faithfulness: Pistis: Conviction of the truthfulness of God, a habit of mind which does not doubt that God is working all things together for good, someone who can be relied upon, man's faithfulness can never cancel God's faithfulness, true to his promise and faithful to his task, a firm reliance, confidence in what we hear from God and His Word, and the fruit of faith is trustfulness.

Gentleness: Praotes: Meekness, submissive to the will of God; teachable and not too proud to learn, considerate to fellowman. An animal that has been tamed and brought under control is called meek. Enduring all things with an even temper free from self-sufficiency, one who has mastered their desire for pleasure, meekness desires to forgive instead of inflict vengeance, meekness isn't depressed by rejection or elated at accolades, and meekness is able to adjust because it knows the resources of God are available.

Self-controlled: Egkrateia: temperance. Self-mastery. Never let self-interest influence decision about people. Master of self so I can serve others, within dominion, opposite of self-indulgence, guard against all sins of personal excess, ability to empower the Holy Spirit to bring all desires and actions under control, cover all aspects of human appetites, an athlete in training, and self-control prevents desires from being the dictator of our lives.

**Scripture Application:**

1. Luke 6:35
2. John 10:17
3. John 14:15
4. John 15:9
5. Romans 8:35
6. Numbers 14:18
7. Psalms 86:15
8. Galatians 5:13
9. Ephesians 3:17-21
10. I Thessalonians 3:12
11. I John 3:23
12. I John 4:8
13. I John 4:12
14. I Peter 1:22
15. Philemon 1:5
16. Luke 7:50
17. Luke 10:6
18. John 14:27
19. John 16:33

20. Romans 5:1
21. Romans 8:6
22. Romans 14:17-19
23. Romans 15:13
24. Romans 16:20
25. I Corinthians 14:33
26. Ephesians 2:14,15
27. Ephesians 6:15
28. Colossians 1:20
29. Colossians 3:15
30. I Thessalonians 5:23
31. II Thessalonians 3:16
32. II Timothy 2:22
33. Hebrews 12:14
34. James 3:18
35. John 16:20-24
36. John 17:13
37. Acts 2:28
38. Acts 13:52
39. Romans 5:11
40. Romans 14:17
41. Romans 15:13
42. II Corinthians 8:2
43. Philippians 1:4,5

44. Philippians 2:2,17,18
45. I Thessalonians 1:6
46. Hebrews 12:2
47. Hebrews 13:17
48. I Peter 1:8
49. I John 1:4
50. III John 1:4
51. Exodus 34:6
52. Ephesians 4:2
53. I Timothy 1:16,18
54. I Peter 3:20
55. Romans 9:22
56. II Peter 3:9
57. II Peter 3:15
58. II Corinthians 6:6
59. Colossians 3:12
60. Matthew 11:30
61. Luke 5:39
62. Romans 2:4
63. Luke 6:35
64. I Corinthians 15:33
65. I Peter 2:3
66. Matthew 5:45
67. Luke 6:45

68. Acts 23:1
69. Romans 9:11
70. Romans 13:3
71. Galatians 6:6,10
72. Ephesians 5:9
73. Matthew 25:23
74. II Thessalonians 1:11
75. Matthew 8:10, 26
76. Matthew 15:28
77. Matthew 21:21
78. Mark 10:52
79. Luke 17:5,6
80. Luke 22:32
81. Acts 3:16
82. Romans 1:8,17
83. Romans 3:3
84. Romans 4:16
85. Matthew 5:5
86. James 1:21
87. James 3:13
88. I Peter 3:4
89. Matthew 11:29
90. Matthew 21:5
91. I Corinthians 4:21

- 92. II Corinthians 10:1
- 93. Galatians 6:1
- 94. Ephesians 4:2
- 95. Colossians 3:12
- 96. I Timothy 6:11
- 97. Titus 3:2
- 98. I Peter 3:15
- 99. Proverbs 25:28
- 100. Acts 24:25
- 101. I Corinthians 7:5
- 102. I Corinthians 9:25-27
- 103. Galatians 5:23
- 104. II Timothy 3:3
- 105. Titus 1:8

**Summary:**

It is God's desire to manifest His nature in all of our daily lives. We are predestined to be conformed into His image, but how does that take place. Even after you have read all of these scriptures you may be wondering how the word is going to become flesh in you. What we have to see is that at the "New Birth" God puts His nature in all of your recreated spirits. Then the Holy Spirit comes to draw that nature out of us, we call that the work of sanctification. But the Holy Spirit doesn't work on all of the fruit with equal intensity. The picture I like to think about is a person with a rope. Whatever scripture we are meditation on becomes the rope, as we meditate on a scripture that is pertaining to a specific fruit of the spirit then the Holy Spirit uses that word to hook on to the hidden fruit in our spirit and pull it into manifestation. If I am meditating on joy, then the Holy Spirit hooks a rope on joy and begins to pull it up out of my well of salvation, which is in my inner man. What I give my attention to in the Word allows the Holy Spirit to use that substance of the Word to manifest that very Word in my life. If you want joy, then meditate scriptures on joy and you will see more joy begin to happen in your life. God wants to bring the fullness of His Nature out of my recreated human spirit and manifest His fruit on my branches.

**Action:**

What Fruit of the Spirit do you need to manifest, so that people can see Christ in you. Find a scripture from the ones above and begin to speak it out. Think on it day and night and say that is what you are going to look like. The Word is a mirror that wants to reflect the Word into your lives. I want my personality to reflect what the Lord looks like not what my flesh looks like. Let's show the world Christ.