

GALATIANS

5:22-26

When we hear the gospel and put our faith in Jesus, we are made new. The Bible describes this renewal as a movement from death to life. Our new life in Christ, and our partnership with the Holy Spirit, allow us to experience such transformation that the newness of life we are experiencing is expressed in our lives as something Paul calls “The Fruit of the Spirit”.

Galatians 5:22-26, 2 Corinthians 5:17, Galatians 2:20, John 15:5, Romans 5:5, John 15:15-17, 26

- I. The Holy Spirit is deeply engaged with us as we follow Jesus
 - a. The GIFT of the Spirit has to do with salvation
 - b. The GIFTS of the Spirit have to do with service
 - c. The FRUIT of the Spirit has to do with character

II. FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

- a. **Love** – a divine love that God gives
- b. **Peace** – security, harmony, safety
- c. **Patience** – courageous endurance without quitting
- d. **Kindness** – kind and gentle toward those who oppose us
- e. **Goodness** – love in action
- f. **Faithfulness** – dependability/loyalty
- g. **Gentleness** – power under control
- h. **Self-control** – ability to master your passions

III. You can counterfeit some of the fruit of the Spirit but you can't produce it

IV. How do we follow the Spirit in every part of our lives?

- a. Resist legalism
- b. Cultivate spiritual fruit
- c. Nurture the soil
- d. Watch for weeds
- e. Give what you grow