

Study: Galatians

Text: Galatians 5:22-23

“THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT—WALKING WITH GOODNESS”

The only way for the believer to have success in the Christian life is by “*walking in the Spirit*”—being saturated by the Person of Jesus Christ and dominated by the power of the Holy Spirit dwelling in the life of the believer.

The “*fruit of the spirit*” is a God empowered *attitude* of the heart that leads to *action* which characterizes the life—it is **GODLY attitude that leads to GODLY action.**

I. The *Meaning* of Goodness

This word “*goodness*” speaks of character that is energized, expressing itself in active good—doing right in the midst of wrong.

Micah 6:8 He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the **LORD** require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy **God**?

II. Christ’s _____ of Goodness

Acts 10:38 How **God** anointed **Jesus** of Nazareth with the **Holy Ghost** and with power: **Who** went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for **God** was with **Him**.

A. It is seen in His *Works* which bring _____
(Romans 5:7-11)

Christ’s “*goodness*” was seen in His sacrifice for our salvation. He sacrificed His life for our greatest good and God’s glory.

2 Corinthians 5:21 For **He** hath made **Him** [*Jesus*] to be sin for us, **Who** knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of **God** in **Him**.

B. It is seen in His *Words* which bring _____
(John 8:1-11)

III. Our *Manifestation* of Goodness

Ephesians 2:10 For we are **His** workmanship [*masterpiece*], created in **Christ Jesus** unto good works, which **God** hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

A. _____ Our Inability (Romans 7:18)

Ecclesiastes 7:20 For *there is* not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not.

B. _____ on the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 5:9; Acts 11:24)

Cf. 2 Peter 1:3-4

1 Peter 2:9 But ye *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of **Him Who** hath called you out of darkness into **His** marvellous light:

C. _____ the Goodness of God (Micah 6:8)

“...but to do justly,...” –

“...and to love mercy,...” –

“...and to walk humbly with thy God.” –

Romans 12:21 Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

Q: How then does one become good with the goodness of God?

1. Remember the _____ (2 Corinthians 5:21)

2 Corinthians 5:21 For **He** hath made **Him** [*Jesus*] to be sin for us, **Who** knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of **God** in **Him**.

2. Remember you are a _____ (Romans 8:28-29)

Philippians 2:13 For it is **God** which worketh in you both to will [*desire*] and to do [*the power*] of **His** good pleasure [*perfect will*].

3. Remember to _____ (Psalm 139:23-24)

Psalm 139:23-24 Search [*examine intimately*] me, O **God**, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: **24** And see if *there be any* wicked [*idolatrous*] way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

4. Remember _____ (1 John 1:9)

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, **He** is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

What is my next step?

Q: In what ways can I show more *goodness* toward my neighbor? Based upon what God has done and what He has said, how will I respond to these areas in the future?

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“THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT—WALKING WITH FAITHFULNESS”

For next week consider “Walking with *Faithfulness*”

This word “*faith*” speaks of faithfulness which is the Christian character produced by the Holy Spirit, enabling us to be reliable or dependable.

Q: What does Hebrews 3:1-2 say about Christ’s *faithfulness*?

Q: In Deuteronomy 7:9 & 2 Timothy 2:13 how is God described?

Q: What do Psalm 119:86 & 89 describe as being *faithful*?

Q: Based upon the following Bible passages, in what areas of the Christian’s life are we called to be *faithful*?

- Colossians 3:23 –
- Ephesians 5:25-26 –
- Joshua 1:7-9 –
- Hebrews 10:25 –

What Is My Next Step?

Hearing — Giving *attention* to God’s Word with the intent to obey it – James 1:21-25

Doing — Making *application* of God’s Word to be more like Christ – Eph. 4:22-24

Date:_____ Text:_____ Speaker:_____

1. What did God show **me** that **I** must confess and forsake because it does not reflect Christ and hurts **my** relationship with Him and others? (**Put OFF SIN**)
2. What did God show **me** about Himself in this text? (**Renew your mind**)
 - a. What is He like?
 - b. What does He like?
 - c. What does He dislike?
3. What does God say to me in this text? (**Renew your mind**)
 - a. What command to obey?
 - b. What promise to claim?
 - c. What principle to apply (*If I do _____, then God will do _____*)?
 - d. What example to follow?
4. What verse(s) should **I** memorize and meditate upon through-out this week to help make **my** change lasting? (**Renew your mind**)
5. In light of what **I** have heard from God,... (**Put ON CHRIST**)
 - a. What character quality of Jesus must **I** demonstrate *with God’s help* this week?
 - b. In what situations will **I** most likely be tempted not to respond in a Christ-like way?
 - c. How can **I** get ready for those situations? (*If I don’t have a plan for change, it probably won’t happen.*)

OUR MISSION: Passionately Serve God & Compassionately Serve Others—
ALL to the Glory of GOD