

Study: Galatians

Text: Galatians 5:22-23

“THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT—WALKING WITH JOY”

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

### I. The Flesh and the Spirit (5:16-21)

We must have our mind saturated and dominated by the person of Jesus Christ.

### II. The Fruit of the Spirit (v. 22-23)

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*.

#### A. Walking with Love

**John 13:35** By this shall all *men* know that ye are **My** disciples, if ye have love one to another.

Q: What does your love look like?

**1 John 4:20-21** If a man say, “I love **God**,” and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love **God** whom he hath not seen? **21** And this commandment have we from **Him**, That he who loveth **God** love his brother also.

#### B. Walking with \_\_\_\_\_

##### 1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Joy

*Happiness* is an emotional response that is based upon my \_\_\_\_\_. *Joy* is an \_\_\_\_\_ of the heart that is based upon a person that lives within me—the Holy Spirit.

##### 2. Christ’s \_\_\_\_\_ of Joy

a. In His \_\_\_\_\_ (Hebrews 12:2)

b. In His \_\_\_\_\_ (John 15:10-11)

**John 17:13** And now come I to **Thee**; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have **My** joy fulfilled in themselves.

##### 3. Our \_\_\_\_\_ of Joy (Philippians 4:4)

**Philippians 4:4** Rejoice in the **Lord** always: *and* again I say, Rejoice.

##### a. \_\_\_\_\_ the Flesh

Q: What hinders our joy?

**Hebrews 12:15** Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of **God**; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble *you*, and thereby many be defiled;

##### b. \_\_\_\_\_ the Spirit

Daily renewal and surrender is the way in which we *feed the Spirit*. The renewing of our minds with the truths of God’s Word and surrendering our will to His will yield our control to the Spirit’s control.

##### i. \_\_\_\_\_ your Mind with God’s Word

**Colossians 3:2** Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

Remember Jesus’ words to His disciples the last night before He died.

Cf. John 15:11; John 16:20 & 22

##### ii. \_\_\_\_\_ to Life with Joy—\_\_\_\_\_

**James 1:2** My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers [*various*] temptations;

The word “*count*” is a financial term that carries the idea of \_\_\_\_\_.

Cf. 1 Peter 1:6-8

**John 16:33** These things I have spoken unto you, that in **Me** ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

##### iii. Remember to \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 26:30)

Cf. Ephesians 5:19-20; Colossians 3:16-17

Joy comes from God. Therefore be in His presence—abide in Him.

**Psalms 16:11** **Thou** wilt shew me the path of life: in **Thy** presence *is* fullness of joy; at **Thy** right hand *there are* pleasures for evermore.

#### What is my next step?

(*Put off*) What must I put off that is both hinder my walk with Christ or someone else’s?

(*Renew your mind*) What qualities or Words of Christ must I meditate upon?

(*Put on*) What qualities of Christ must I seek to have as a characteristic of my life?

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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***)
  
2. What did God show **me** about Himself in this text? (***Renew***)
  - 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***)
  - 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***)
  
5. In light of what I have heard from God,... (***Put ON***)
  - 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.*)

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