

Study: Galatians

Text: Galatians 5:22-23

“THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT—WALKING WITH PATIENCE”

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.

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

Paul *commands* us to “*walk in the Spirit*” so that we will “*not fulfill the lust of the flesh.*”

### 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

This is the love of choice that is deliberate. It is self-sacrificing love that chooses to set aside one’s own wants, seeking the best for others.

Cf. John 13:35

#### B. Walking with Joy

*Joy* is an attitude of the heart that is based upon the Person that lives within me—the Holy Spirit.

#### C. Walking with Peace

Peace is the inner quietness of the soul despite the presence of the stormy surroundings due to one’s mind being fixed upon the Person and presence of God.

#### D. Walking with Patience

##### 1. The Meaning of Patience

“*Longsuffering*” carries the idea forbearance, self-restraint, patience and endurance.

##### 2. Christ’s \_\_\_\_\_ of Patience

###### a. In His Works (2 Peter 3:9 & 20)

(1) His \_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 2:4)

(2) His \_\_\_\_\_ (Isaiah 30:8)

**Isaiah 30:18** And therefore will the LORD wait, that He may be gracious unto you, and therefore will He be exalted, that He may have mercy upon you: for the LORD is a God of judgment: blessed are all they that wait for Him.

###### b. In His Words

(1) His \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Tim. 1:16)

**1 Timothy 1:16** Howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might shew forth all longsuffering, for a pattern to them which should hereafter believe on Him to life everlasting.

(2) His \_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 23:34)

### 3. Our Manifestation of Patience

#### a. How it is displayed

(1) Through our \_\_\_\_\_

(a) For \_\_\_\_\_—remembering God’s patience

(b) Through \_\_\_\_\_—remembering God’s purpose (Romans 8:28-29)

(2) Through our \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Corinthians 13:4)

#### b. How it \_\_\_\_\_ others—Our Testimony

(1) It generates \_\_\_\_\_ in others

(2) It reveals the \_\_\_\_\_ of God to others

#### c. How it \_\_\_\_\_—What we learn

(1) It produces \_\_\_\_\_

(2) It produces peace (Ephesians 4:1-3)

(a) We see God’s \_\_\_\_\_

**Php 4:9** Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.

(b) We see God’s \_\_\_\_\_

Cf. Philippians\_4:19; Philippians 2:13; Psalm 37:25

### What is my next step?

Q: What are my *problem areas* of patience? 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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**For next week consider “Walking with Gentleness” (Galatians 5:22-23)**

This word “*gentleness*” speaks of the kindness of goodness of heart—goodness in action.

Q: How did Christ display gentleness / kindness in these passages?

- Matthew 8:1-4 –
- Matthew 19:13-15 –
- Luke 8:40-56 –
- Luke 24:33-37 –

Q: What does Jonah say about God’s gentleness / kindness in Jonah 4:2?

Q: In Titus 3:4-7, how does Paul say that God displayed His kindness?

Q: In Ephesians 2:7-9, how does Paul say that God displayed His kindness?

## 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**)
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.*)

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