

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

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Printed Text: *Galatians 5:16, 22-26*

Bible Background: Gal 1:1-6, Gal 5:1-21; Phil 1:9-11; 1 John 1:6-7

Introduction to the book of Galatians:

The book of Galatians was penned by the Apostle Paul. The date of the writing is believed to be somewhere between A.D. 54 and A.D. 49. The purpose: Paul seeks to expose the error of the Judaizers ‘*gospel*’ and their impure motives. His mission is to expel their false teaching and to encourage the Galatian Church to get back to the roots of their Christianity by embracing the true Gospel message which they previously heard and received. In his message he urges them to reject the mixed message of faith + works to gain eternal salvation.

A Call to Walk in The Spirit

Gal 5:16, 22-23

Crucifying The Flesh

Gal 5:24-26

QUESTIONS:

1. What does it mean to be called by the Lord, and when did you first realize God was calling you to follow Him? Why would Paul beseech the whole Church to walk worthy of their callings? Ephesians 4:1-3
2. How does lowliness, gentleness, and long suffering aid in bearing with one another in love in your home as well as in the church?
3. Are you holding on to any bitterness, rage or anger? In what ways could remembering God's forgiveness of your sins help free you from the bitterness or anger you have toward others? Ephesians 4: 31-32
4. What are the two key commands that Paul gave all believers? Ephesians 5: 1-2
5. Why should Christians not become partners with non-Christians Ephesians 5:7-8
6. How can we lay aside the old self? Explain the friction/ battle between old/new self? How can we have victory in this area? How can we ensure that the new self wins the battle regularly? Ephesians 4:20-24