

Galatians (Good Fruit)

Acknowledging Our Works

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Galatians 5:22-25

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. 24 And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.

Galatians 5:16-21

16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. 17 For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. 19 Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, 20 idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, 21 envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that I those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

- Flesh – “...all the evil that man is and is capable of apart from the intervention of God’s grace in his life.” – James Boice
- **These verses are a revelation of the contrast between what we are capable of offering and what God intends to cultivate within us.** Cf. **2 Corinthians 5:21** *For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*
- My part is the acknowledgment of my works and God’s work.

Galatians 2:15-21

15 We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; 16 yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified.

17 But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we too were found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! 18 For if I rebuild what I tore down, I prove myself to be a transgressor. 19 For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. 20 I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. 21 I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose.

- The flesh must be crucified to not hinder spiritual growth.
 - **Ephesians 4:30** And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.
Grieving the Spirit involves causing sorrow or sadness to the Holy Spirit with our actions and thoughts that are displeasing to God.
 - Faith in Christ is our daily victory over the flesh. I encourage you to speak the gospel over yourself regularly.

Cf. **Ephesians 1:13-14**

- **1 Thessalonians 5:19** *Do not quench the Spirit.*

Quenching the Spirit typically involves suppressing or hindering the active work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. It can be seen as resisting or stifling the influence of the God.

- Invite the Spirit to help you live in the truth of Christ. Cf. **Romans 8:26;**
Ephesians 5:18

Discipleship Homework:

Use the questions and statements below to help you apply the teaching into your life.

- Spend time memorizing and praying Galatians 2:20-21.
- Reflect on the list of "works of the flesh" in Galatians 5:19-21. Are there any specific areas you are dealing with in your own life?
- Express gratitude to Jesus for His sacrificial death and resurrection, which atoned for your sins. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you walk in the Spirit this week.
- Have questions about the message or need help with the homework? Please email Pastor Jarrod at jarrod@1116.church.