

Bible Study Series: The Book of Galatians

Chapter 5

Verses 19-21

- A. Paul has explained that there are two ways to live life:
- Walking in the ***Spirit***
 - Following the lusts of the ***flesh***
- B. When a person attempts to live the Christian life by the law instead of by faith, Paul shows us the result in verses 19-21. Paul calls this list the “*works of the flesh.*”
- C. Verse 19 deals primarily with ***sexual*** sins.
- Christians can find themselves in ***bondage*** to every kind of sexual sin.
2 Corinthians 12:21
- D. Verse 20 deals more with sins of the ***heart***.
- These sins not only destroy the person who harbors them, but they also destroy ***harmony*** in the home, the workplace, and the church.
 - Christians can find themselves in bondage to all of these sins.
1 Corinthians 3:3
- E. Paul had taught the Galatians that people who constantly live their life by the works of the flesh shall not inherit the kingdom of God.
- Paul taught that God’s kingdom is manifested in believers’ _____ today. Romans 14:17
 - God’s kingdom is not a physical rule over the earth, but a _____ rule in the believer’s heart.
- F. To inherit the kingdom of God is to possess God’s Spirit and be _____ with the fruit of the Spirit.
- G. We cannot obtain the kingdom (rule) of God in our lives when we are walking after the _____. This is the point Paul is making.
- H. This is why verse 22 begins with, “***But the fruit of the Spirit is...***”

Verses 22-23

- A. We demonstrate God's kingdom (God's rule) over our heart when we bear the fruit of the Spirit.
- B. These nine graces are not something that the believer can work up and manufacture on his own. They are a _____ expression of God's Spirit filling a yielded believer.
- C. Notice that this list is called the "fruit of the Spirit," not "fruits."
- They are all tied together and they can all be manifested at the _____ time, as we yield to the Holy Spirit and allow Christ to live through us.
- D. These are not to be confused with the _____ of the Spirit. Romans 12:5-8
- E. These are not Christian _____ or disciplines.
- You cannot discipline yourself to love or be patient or at peace. The Colossians (like the Galatians) were into spiritual disciplines, and Paul _____ them. Colossians 2:20-23
- F. There are nine graces that constitute the fruit of the Spirit:
- Love
 - This is listed first because _____ the other fruit flows forth from the fruit of love. Colossians 3:14; Galatians 5:14
 - *"And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity."* **1 Corinthians 13:13**
 - We are able to love because _____ has lavishly bestowed His love upon us. Romans 5:5; Ephesians 2:4, 4:2, 5:2
 - *"A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another."* **John 13:34**
 - *"Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another."*
1 John 4:10-11
 - Just as fruit _____, we can grow and mature in the fruit of love. 1 Thessalonians 3:12, 4:10; 2 Thessalonians 1:3