

Manifested Fruit Pt. 1

"The Fruit of the Spirit Series"

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The believer is to walk bearing God's nature, that is, the fruit of God's Spirit

Notice that the "fruit" of the Spirit is singular (not plural), for there is one fruit revealed in nine separate supernatural manifestations.

The Holy Spirit has only one fruit

* That fruit is broken down into a list of traits / manifestations / DNA - in order to help us understand His nature.

However, the Spirit has only one nature, one fruit

* Therefore, when He lives within a person, all these traits are to be present

* The genuine believer does not experience and bear just some of them - the Spirit of God produces them all in the life of the believer, because they are of One Fruit – The Whole Package.

The book of Galatians identifies the Christ-like qualities that God wants to produce in our lives:

Peter wrote:

2 Peter 1:8

"For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful **in the knowledge** of our Lord Jesus Christ"

Ephesians 5:9 - tells us that we are - "filled with the fruit [Manifestations] of righteousness **only by Jesus Christ** to the glory and praise of God"

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As Jesus said: "You will know them by their fruit"

These nine manifestations of the fruit of the Holy Spirit will enable you to eliminate:

- * Spiritual barrenness
- * To escape the corruption of the world
- * To become partakers of the divine nature of God

What a powerful Witness

Fruit of the Spirit

- * **Fruit:** The fruit of the trees, vines, of the fields: that which originates or comes from something, an effect, result: praises, which are presented to God as a thank offering: to gather fruit (i.e. a reaped harvest) into life eternal (as into a granary), is used in fig. discourse of those who by their labors have fitted souls to obtain eternal life [From a Seed]
- * **Spirit:** Pneuma: Breath of God [Fruit of the Breath of God! His Presence]

Last week we talked about: LOVE – JOY - PEACE

- * **LOVE** [brotherly love, affection, good will, love]
- * **JOY** [gladness, the joy received from the Lord, the cause or occasion of joy]
- * **PEACE** [the way that leads to peace (salvation) - the Messiah's peace - exemption from the rage and havoc of war]

Now in this part of this series I wanted to begin with making emphasis on the first three manifestations – Love / Joy / Peace – because these first three focus on our Relationship with God

Now before we can go forward from this point we need to take a bit of a step back in the Book of Galatians

Galatians 5: 16-25 gives us a picture of a Believer's Life [Walk]

- * These verses give us guidance and direction on having a walk combating the enemy of our soul
- * Satan uses the flesh and sinful nature to keep us from overcoming the issues that come when we walk in the areas of the flesh and sin

Jesus spoke of there being 2 possible pathways through this life that we can walk

Matthew 7:13-14 (KJV)

“13 **Enter ye in at the strait gate:** for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in there at:
14 Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it”

The Two Choices in life - Two Gates

Wide vs Narrow

- * The Wide Gate is the World
- * The Narrow Gate is the Kingdom of Heaven

Two Ways: Easy vs Hard

Two Ends: Destruction vs Life

Two Travelers : The Wise vs Unwise

Two Decisions: Exerting no Effort vs Seeking To Find

The Wide Gate stands open “and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction”

It is so wide that four things can be said about it:

1. There is not a single hindrance to entering the wide gate. Nothing keeps a person from entering it. It is as if a person naturally stands before its wide open doors.

2. Plenty of people can enter and are entering its wide doors at any given time. A person has plenty of company in entering the wide gate.

3. It appears to be the only gate to enter because there...

- Is so much growth around it
- Are so many people entering it
- Is so much activity going on

The point is that a person does not even think of another gate, much less look for one – They need the Lord to open their eyes.

4 *The wide gate is wide enough to include all:* all philosophies and beliefs no matter how extreme, all appetites and passions, all liberties and licenses, all sin and selfishness.

The gate is swung wide open so that any and all can enter

Galatians 5:16-17 (KJV)

“16 This I say then, *Walk in the Spirit*, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. 17 For the *flesh lusteth against the Spirit*, and the *Spirit against the flesh*: and these are *contrary the one to the other*: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would”

THE FLESH IS OPPOSED TO THE SPIRIT

1 Peter 2:11 (KJV)

“Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul”

* There is a warfare going on in your life

* The Christian life is not a playground, it is a battlefield

THE FLESH IS OPEN TO ANY SIN

Galatians 5:19-21 (KJV)

“Now the *works of the flesh are* manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, [20] Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, [21] Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God”

* The Word tells us that the works of the Flesh can keep us from the Kingdom of God