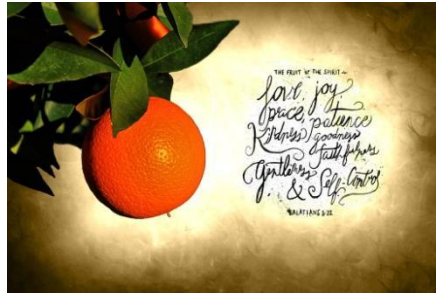


ULaity Missionary Baptist Church's Bible Study Lesson for July 23, 2022
1:00 p.m. – ZOOM Session



Topic: The Fruit of the Holy Spirit

Opening Holy Scriptures:

Hebrews 11:6: But without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

John 6:28-29: 28 Then they said to Him, “What shall we do, that we may work the works of God?” 29 Jesus answered and said to them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent.”

Matthew 7:15-20: Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. 16 You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles? 17 Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. 18 A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. 19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 20 Therefore by their fruits you will know them.

Questions To Consider:

1. In the physical world, “fruit” is the edible part of a plant; the produce of any plant grown or harvested, and it is good for human and animal consumption. The Lord Jesus Christ uses this word ---“fruit”---as an analogy in Matthew 7:15-20. What fruit does He ---the Lord Jesus Christ----want us humans toproduce.... to bear.....to have... to demonstrateto use...to give? WHY does the Lord Jesus Christ want us to produce “good” fruit? How is it beneficial to others as well as ourselves?

2. What DOES the LORD God Almighty “value”? What IS good fruit? What IS bad fruit? What fruit pleases the LORD God? What fruit displeases Him?
3. What is the “Fruit of the Spirit” (the Holy Spirit)? How is this fruit produced? Exactly what is done to bear the “fruit of the Holy Spirit”?

What IS good and bad fruit as defined by the LORD God Almighty, the Creator of the universe?

I John 4:7-8: Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. 8 He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

John 13:34-35: A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. 35 By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.

Galatians 5:22-23: But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

Ephesians 4:30-32: And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. 31 let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. 32 And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.

I Timothy 6:11-12: But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness. 12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

Philippians 4:8-9: Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy---meditate on these things. 9 The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.

Colossians 3:12-13: Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; 13 bearing with one another, and forgiving one another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do.

- *We are encouraged to listen and obey the Holy Spirit ALWAYS, as He reveals to us, personally what He would have us to think, say, and do; giving His good fruit to others.*
- *Throughout the Holy Bible, the writers have written many words, letting us know what pleases and displeases the LORD God. One is encouraged to definitely read the words of God's Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.*

Galatians 5:19-21: Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, 20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, 21 envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

I Timothy 6:3-5: If anyone teaches otherwise and does not consent to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which accords with godliness, 4 he is proud, knowing nothing, but is obsessed with disputes and arguments over words, from which come envy, strife, reviling, evil suspicions, 5 useless wrangling of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, who suppose that godliness is a means of gain. From such withdraw yourself.

- *Christian churches cannot express this enough: It is essential we spend time reading and meditating on the Holy Bible, the LORD God's Word. With daily reading, we will be able to understand what God would have us to do.*
- *Please remember these words given to us over 35 years ago, from past Bible studies, and strive to BE men and women with: honesty, decency, morality, and integrity*

*Exactly, specifically what is done to produce, to bear of the "fruit of the Holy Spirit"?
We definitely cannot depend on self.*

Jeremiah 23:5-6: Behold, the days are coming," says the LORD, "That I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness; A King shall reign and prosper, and execute judgment and righteousness in the earth. 6 In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell safely; Now this is His name by which He will be called: THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

Matthew 6:33: But seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

Acts 1:8: But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

I Corinthians 6:19-20: Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, *who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?* 20 For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

II Timothy 1:7: For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

- *The power to produce good fruit comes from the LORD God Almighty.*
- *When we seek righteousness (and remember, Christ Jesus IS our righteousness), and we do what Christ has asked, we will bear fruit pleasing to God. Again, the power comes from God.*
- *Seek to be like Christ Jesus, Our Lord and Savior.*
- *Let us, as brothers and sisters, encourage, help, and comfort each other as we walk with our Savior, Lord Jesus Christ.*

Colossians 3:1-2: If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. 2 Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.

Romans 12:2: And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

II Corinthians 3:17-18: Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. 18: But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

Hebrews 12:2: Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him, endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Titus 3:5-6: Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, 6 whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior,

WHY does the Lord Jesus Christ want us to produce “good fruit”? How is it beneficial to others as well as ourselves?

- *Oh! Our Heavenly Father DESERVES this dedication, this loyalty, this love for all that He has done and continues to do for ALL of us!!!!!!*
- *We love Him, and bearing good fruit demonstrates our love.*
- *We desire to obey Him, to please Him in every way possible!!!*
- *We need to be “consistent” and “persistent”!!!*
- *The “fruit of the Holy Spirit”----I firmly believe---is the “culture”, the “civilization”, the “language”, the “environment”---in essence, the way of heaven, the kingdom of God. This is how the “living” live in the kingdom of God!!!*
- *With “good fruit” there is “continuation” of life----love, beauty, creativity, wonder, awesomeness, unity, productivity, expansion, and so much more!!!*

Revelation 4:11: You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created.

Psalms 115:1: Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us, But to Your name give glory, Because of Your mercy, and Because of Your truth.

Psalms 72:18-19: Blessed be the LORD God, the God of Israel, who only does wondrous things! 19 And blessed be His glorious name forever! And let the whole earth be filled with His glory. Amen and Amen.

Philippians 1:11: Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

Revelation 1:5-6: And from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, 6 and has made us kings and priests to his God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen

James 3:17-18: But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. 18 Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

I Thessalonians 4:16-18: For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. 18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.