

PEACE - An attribute of the Fruit of the Spirit

Galatians 5:22-23

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Intro and Opening

- Salutation
- Announcements
- Prayer / Review
- Introduction on the New Series (Fruit of the Spirit)

Overview of The Book of Galatians

- Who wrote it and to whom was it written to?
 - Paul - to the churches in Galatia
 - We are focusing on Walking in the Spirit and what that looks like
- Why was the book of Galatians Written & what was addressed?
 - To address legalism in the churches
 - How to use our freedom properly
 - Address the challenge to his office
 - Remind the churches that we are saved through grace not works
 - To walk in the Spirit and bear one another's burdens

What is the fruit of the Spirit

- How are we to walk in the Spirit? **Gal. 5:16, 18**
- What is the fruit of the Spirit
- What are the attributes of the Fruit of the Spirit - Gal. 5:22-23

Fruit of the Spirit vs. the Fruit of the Flesh

- Flesh is from the old man - Spirit is from the Holy Spirit
- Flesh is self "I" centered - Spirit is God (surrendered heart) led
- Flesh is from the world - Spirit is from above (God)
- Flesh leads to Sin + death - Spirit leads to righteousness + abundant life

PEACE - As an attribute of the fruit of the Spirit

- Peace is confidence and assurance in God + His word
- Peace is Godly Strategy/Wisdom - **James 3:17-18**
- Peace keeps us from Stumbling - **Ps. 119:165**
- Peace is inner strength **Isaiah 26:3-4**
- Peace is having a sound mind **2 Tim. 1:7**
- Complete trust which produces powerful calm even in the face of external pressure/Chaos **Mark 4:38-40; John 16:33-**
- Faith / believe in what the Lord has promised **Mt 14:22-23**
- Inner knowledge that comes from right standing w/God (starting w/Salvation) **Rom. 5:1**

Why do we need peace and how many types of Peace are there?

- Worldly Peace - based on temporal + 5 senses access

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- Godly Peace - powerful, tangible, sustainable, not external originated
- Godly peace produces grounded and steady hearts/lives

How do we attain peace or how is Peace produced in our lives...**Jos. 1: 1-9**

What does the absence of inner Peace look like

- in our lives
- in our world
- in the church
- Why does Peace matter?
 - We won't look like Children of God - **Matt. 5:9**
 - Jesus is the Prince of Peace, we are to be co laborers with Him **Isa 9:6**
 - We look as hopeless, restless and wrecked just like the world...Bad testimony
 - The world needs peace and hope and we are the answer
 - The work of Christ would be of no avail in our lives and communities
 - Without Peace, there is disorder **I Cor. 14:33**

Peace and One In the Spirit

- Scripture encourages us to pursue peace at all costs.
- Need to cultivate personal peace **Col.3:15-17**
- Be Peacemakers
- Live in peace with one another **Heb. 12:14;**
- Quick to restore and maintain peace first in us then others...
- Same spirit is in us, we ought to lay aside the flesh and follow after oneness. **Rom.14:17-19**
- Bear one another's burden **Eph.4:1-6**
- Peace is just 1 attribute of the Spirit but just as important as the other 8 mentioned in **Gal. 5:22-23**

PEACE - Application

- We need to be properly Clothed **Eph. 6:10-18**
- Daily ask Holy Spirit to examine our hearts + root out fleshly desires **Psalms 139:23-24**
- Let His word daily shape you to be more and more mature in Him **Heb. 4:12**
- Be mindful of who/what we give our hear and eye to.. **Jos.1:8**

Additional Scriptures:

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| Rom. 15:13 | - | as we trust God, we are filled with Peace and Joy |
| Eph. 2:14-18 | - | Jesus is our Peace |
| 2 Cor. 13:11 | - | brethren are called to live in Peace |
| Ps. 34:14 | - | seek peace and pursue it |
| Rom. 2:1.0 | - | peace for those who do Good (righteousness) |
| 1 Cor. 7:15 | - | God has called spouses to live in peace |