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**"FAITHFULNESS, GENTLENESS, SELF-CONTROL"**

**(Galatians 5:22 – 26)**

**INTRODUCTION** - these last 3 close the sermon series on "the fruit of the Spirit"

(v22-23) "the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law"

(v25) "If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit."

We say, "Walk the talk" and "Practice what you preach"

**1. "FAITHFULNESS"**

- 1) "Faithfulness" defined - a firm adherence to whatever one is bound to by duty or promise; reliable; dependable; may be counted on; God-like.

Opposite - wavering; fickle; fluctuating; not a promise-keeper.

- 2) Characteristic of God who gives us His Holy Spirit.

Hymn #57 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

(1 Corinthians 1:9) "God is faithful" and (1 Corinthians 10:13)

(2 Timothy 2:13) "If we are faithless, He remains faithful. He cannot deny Himself"

- 3) Characteristic of us.

(Hebrews 10:23-25) "Let us hold fast the confession of our faith without wavering ... as is the manner of some ..."

Examples: (Ephesians 6:21; Colossians 1:7 and 4:9)

**2. "GENTLENESS"**

- 1) "Gentleness" defined - kind; peaceful; a gentle summer breeze verses hurricane wind.

Opposite - cantankerous; contentious; quarrelsome; coarse or rough.

- 2) Characteristic of God. (James 3:13, v15; 2 Corinthians 10:1)

- 3) Characteristic of us.

(Philippians 4:5) "Let your gentleness be known to all men ..."

(1 Thessalonians 2:7) "gentle ... just as a nursing mother cherishes her children"

(2 Timothy 2:24) "a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all"

**3. "SELF-CONTROL"**

- 1) "Self-control" defined - it's the "fruit of the Spirit" "self-control" and not of my own making or device; it's the "new man;" we pray, "Help me, Lord, to restrain self and master my wrong passions and desires."

Others will not always be nearby to pull us away from the temptation.

- 2) There is a heavenly help for us: (Ephesians 6:10-18; Colossians 3:1-3)