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"PEACE" & "LONGSUFFERING"

(Galatians 5:22-26)

INTRODUCTION

Remember, when you were baptized, you were promised (Acts 2:38-39) "the remission of sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit ..."

That reception of the Holy Spirit will be displayed in us by its "fruit" (not "fruits").

(Galatians 5:22-16) "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law ..."

1. "PEACE" - Like "joy," it describes an inner peace that is not affected by external circumstances. It's a harmony relationship with God and one another. It's a contentment that frees us from harmful anxiety. It is "fruit of the Spirit" peace; meaning, it is not man-made. (John 14:27) "Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

1) (Psalm 34:14) "... seek peace and pursue it"

Search it out with the purpose of finding it.
(Romans 12:18; 2 Timothy 2:22; Hebrews 12:14)

2) To help produce peace, this "fruit of the Spirit" will ...

Love God's word: (Psalm 119:165, v47-48, v97)
Apply God's word in Christian living: (Proverbs 3:1-2)
Trust God: (Isaiah 25:3; Proverbs 3:5-6)

3) This "peace" is described in our hymns: #477, #480, #490

4) There is a spiritual "contentment" in peace: (Philippians 4:6-7)
"... and the peace of God, which surpasses understanding, will guard your hearts ..."

5) There is a hindrance to peace: (Romans 3:17-18) "The way of peace they have not known. There is no fear of God before their eyes."

2. "LONG-SUFFERING" - patient endurance with others; lovingly bearing with others; also defined by turning the word around into "suffering long."

1) God's "longsuffering" with us exemplifies this.

It's displayed in God's attitude and action toward us, giving us time to repent.
(Romans 2:4-5; 2 Peter 3:9-10; Acts 3:19-20)

2) I'm to exhibit "longsuffering" in my preaching: (2 Timothy 4:2)

3) Each of us, "longsuffering," toward one another:

(Colossians 3:12-13) "... put on ... longsuffering ..."
(v15) "And let the peace of God rule in your hearts ... and be thankful."