

WHAT "SPIRITUAL LIVING" LOOKS LIKE

(Galatians 5:22 - 26)

INTRODUCTION

Christian living is spiritual living.

It began when you were baptized: (Acts 2:38) "... Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" also note (Acts 5:32)

The "gift" is affirmed: (1 Corinthians 3:16-17) "... the Spirit of God dwells in you ... "
(1 Corinthians 6:19-20) "... your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit ... "
(Ephesians 1:13-14) "... you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise ... "

Now, (Galatians 5:25) "... live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit"

(1 Peter 2:4-5) "... to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God ... "
(Hebrews 13:15-16) "... offer the sacrifice of praise to God ... "
(Romans 8:5-6) "... live according to the Spirit ... be spiritually minded ... "
(v14) "... led by the Spirit of God ... "

"THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS ... "

"love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit."

1. (v22) "LOVE" - we never seek anything but what is right and best for others.

1) Love will manifest itself by its actions.

(Matthew 22:36-40) "You shall love the Lord your God" "love your neighbor"
(John 13:34-35) "love one another"
(1 Corinthians 13:4, v6-8) and (Romans 12:9) "Let love be without hypocrisy"

2) Love will manifest itself by what it refuses to do.

(1 Corinthians 13:4-6) "love does not envy" "does not parade itself" "is not puffed up"
"does not behave rudely" "does not seek its own" "is not provoked" "thinks no evil"
"does not rejoice in iniquity"

2. (v22) "JOY" - describes an inner peace that is not affected by external circumstances.

(Romans 15:13) "Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit"

1) An occasion for "joy" was present at the beginning of your spiritual life.
(Romans 5:10-11, Philippians 4:4, and Acts 8:36-38, 16:32-34)

2) "Joy" may exist when external circumstances are not favorable toward us.
(1 Peter 4:12-13, James 1:2-4)