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NOW THAT I'M A CHRISTIAN (#5)

(Galatians 5:22-26)

INTRODUCTION - (#9) "THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS ..."

Remember, God gave us "the gift of the Holy Spirit" at our baptism. (Acts 2:38)

(Acts 5:32; 1 Corinthians 3:16 and 6:19-20) "the Spirit of God dwells in you"

Now, having been given the "Spirit of God," there is an expectation that we will live a spiritual life, and we will demonstrate those things that are spiritual.

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

"Fruit" - to bring forth a product; harvest; metaphorically, of conduct, or that which takes effect in conduct; contrast with "works of the flesh."

1. (v22-23) "THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS ..."

- 1) "Love" - a heavenly inspired love seeks to do the best for others.
- 2) "Joy" - this spirit-filled joy is based on my relationship to God, and not on outward circumstances. (Phil. 4:4) "Rejoice in the Lord always ..."
- 3) "Peace" - a contentment that all is well between my God and me.
(1 Peter 5:7; Philippians 4:6-7) "peace that passes understanding"
- 4) "Longsuffering" - (Colossians 3:12-14) "... put on tender mercies ... longsuffering, bearing with one another ... put on love ..."
- 5) "Kindness" - goodness; excellence of character; to be good-hearted.
(1 Corinthians 13:4) "Love suffers long and is kind ..."
- 6) "Goodness" - generosity; good-will toward others; it benefits others.
- 7) "Faithfulness" - always abiding in Christ; constant; reliable.
- 8) "Gentleness" - (2 Timothy 2:24) "And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all;" be courteous; exhibit good manners.
- 9) "Self-control" - having mastery over one's desires and impulses; temperance; the apostle applied it to an athlete in training (1 Corinthians 9:25).

(v23) "Against such there is no law" - this "fruit" is approved; it's OK.

2. (v24-25) "THOSE WHO ARE CHRIST'S HAVE ..."

- 1) "Crucified the flesh" - (Gal. 2:20) "I have been crucified with Christ ..."
- 2) "Live in the Spirit" - this "fruit" reflects my spiritual life.
- 3) "Also walk in the Spirit" - (3 John v4) "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth"

3. (v26) THE APOSTLE IDENTIFIES ROTTEN-FRUIT

(v26) "Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another." - this is not the Spirit's fruit.