

**SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY #40,
PNEUMATOLOGY #18,
Fruit of the Spirit #1: Introduction
Gal. 5:16-25
Grace Community Church
Kingston, Tennessee
Wednesday, December 11, 2019**

1. SCRIPTURE:

- a. **2 Cor. 5:17, “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away, behold all things have become new.”**

- b. **CONTEXT: Gal. 5:16-25, (16) I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. (17) For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. (18) But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. (19) Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, (20) idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, (21) envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. (22) But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, (23) gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. (24) And those who are Christ’s have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. (25) If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.**

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2. INTRODUCTION:

a. DISTINGUISH TERMS:

i. GIFT OF THE SPIRIT

1. **Acts 2:38, “Then Peter said to them, ‘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.’”**

2. **Romans 5:5, “Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was GIVEN to us.”**

3. 1 Thessalonians 4:8, “Therefore he who rejects [this] does not reject man, but God, who has also GIVEN us His Holy Spirit.”

ii. GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT

1. 1 Corinthians 12:1, “Now concerning spiritual [gifts], brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant”

iii. FRUIT/GRACES OF THE SPIRIT

1. Proverbs 27:17, “[As] iron sharpens iron, So a man sharpens the countenance of his friend.”
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- b. The GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT and the FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT are similar, but they are different:

i. SIMILARITIES:

ii. CONTRASTS:

3. DEFINITION OF *FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT*:

- a. “ ... the fruit of the Spirit represents traits of Christian character produced by the Holy Spirit in the life of a believer.”¹
- b. Our English word FRUIT comes from a Latin word *frui* which means “enjoy”²

4. Paul’s discussion of the FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT is set against the backdrop of the WORKS OF THE FLESH

- a. Gal. 5:19-21 (19) Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, (20) idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, (21) envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

¹ Jerry Vines, *Spirit Fruit: The Graces of the Spirit-Filled Life*, p. 5.

² *The International Webster New Encyclopedic Dictionary of the English Language*, “Fruit,” p. 392.

- b. **God expects us to work on diminishing the WORKS OF THE FLESH in our lives and to accentuate the FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT in our lives**
- i. **Romans 8:13, “For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.”**
 - ii. **Eph. 5:3-7, (3) But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints; (4) neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks. (5) For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. (6) Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. (7) Therefore do not be partakers with them.**
 - iii. **1 Timothy 6:11, “But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness.”**
 - iv. **2 Pt. 1:5-7, (5) But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, (6) to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, (7) to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love.**

5. CONCLUSION:

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