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Wednesday, July 15, 2020 - Group Study

Lesson Series: Fruit of the Spirit

Lesson Series Text: *(Gal. 5:13-26)*

Lesson 1: Christ Lives In Me

Lesson 1 Text: *(Gal. 2:20-21)*

All Scriptures are KJV; unless otherwise noted.

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- I. The context of the book of Galatians.
- II. Our natures are what make us saints or sinners. Our actions are expressions of our ruling nature.
 - A. Jesus said, "Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them." *(Mat. 7:20)*
 - B. Paul states that the works of the flesh are manifest (obvious). In other words, you know the tree is an apple tree when it bears apples.
 - C. We can know the works of the flesh, because of the fruit that the flesh produces.
- III. Paul tells the Galatians that these works of the flesh are a result of trying to live righteous by the Law. *(Gal. 2:16)*
 - A. The Judaizers were not trying to teach them to live ungodly, but they were trying to get them to live righteous without faith in Christ. This will produce the works of the flesh.
- IV. Definitions of works of flesh.
 - Adultery - sexual relations of a married person with someone other than his or her spouse.
 - Fornication - immoral sexual conduct and acts; it includes taking pleasure in pornographic pictures, films, or writing.
 - Uncleanliness - sexual sins, evil deeds, or vices; including the thoughts and desires of the heart.
 - Lasciviousness - sensuality, following one's passions and desires to the point of having no shame or public decency.
 - Idolatry - worship of spirits, persons, or graven images, also trust in any person, institution, or thing as having equal or greater authority than God and His Word.
 - Witchcraft - sorcery, spiritism, black magic, worship of demons, and use of drugs to produce "spiritual" experiences, control, and manipulation.
 - Hatred - intense, hostile intentions and acts, extreme dislike, or enmity.
 - Variance - quarreling, antagonism, a struggle for superiority.
 - Emulations - resentment, envy of another's success.
 - Wrath - explosive anger or rage which flares into violent words and deeds.
 - Strife - selfish ambition and seeking of power.
 - Seditions - introducing divisive teachings not supported by the Word of God.
 - Heresies - any belief or theory, that is strongly at variance with established beliefs, which destroys the unity of the church.
 - Envy - resentful dislike of another person who has something that one desires.

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- Murders - killing a person unlawfully and with malice.
 - Drunkenness - impairing one's mental or physical control by alcoholic drink.
 - Revellings - excessive feasting, revelry, a party spirit involving alcohol, drugs, sex, or the like.
- V. Definitions of the Fruit of the Spirit.
- Love - caring and seeking for the highest good of another person without motive for personal gain.
 - Joy - the feeling of gladness based on the love, grace, blessings, promises, and nearness of God.
 - Peace – the quietness of heart and mind based on the knowledge that all is well between the believer and his or her heavenly Father.
 - Longsuffering - endurance, patience, being slow to anger or despair.
 - Gentleness - not wanting to hurt someone or give him or her pain.
 - Goodness - zeal for truth and righteousness and a hatred for evil; it can be expressed in acts of kindness
 - Faith - faithfulness, firm and unswerving loyalty and adherence to a person to whom one is united by promise, commitment, trustworthiness, and honesty.
 - Meekness - restraint coupled with strength and courage; it describes a person who can be angry when anger is needed and humbly submissive at other times.
 - Temperance - having control or mastery over one's own desires and passions, including faithfulness to one's marriage vows; also, purity, chastity.
- VI. The more you walk after the things of the world, the more you come into the bondage of the world.
- VII. The more we walk in the Spirit, the more the world and lust loose its hold on us. (*II Peter 1:4*) says that we escape the corruption that is in the world through our divine nature, which is the nature of God.
- A. All the Fruit of the Spirit are attributes of God. When God place His Spirit in each believer, these attributes came into us also.
- B. The Fruit of the Spirit is the product of the life of God coming out of us.
- VIII. The Fruit of the Spirit is the issue, force, and springs of life coming out of us. (*Pro. 4:23*)
- IX. Each Fruit of the Spirit enables the believer to cope with all of life situations. In whatever area that you do not develop the Fruit of the Spirit, the devil will constantly attack this area.
- A. Walking in the Spirit will give you victory in every area of your life.
- X. You must yield to the Fruit of the Spirit. You have a choice and must choose the Fruit of the Spirit.
- XI. In order to walk in the Spirit, we must keep contact with the Lord. (*John 15:1-11*)
- XII. Love is the constant substance of all the fruit. An analogy is like blood in our bodies; it is the life of the body. In like manner, Love is the life of the fruit.
- XIII. We must sow to the spirit to reap from the spirit. (*Gal. 6:7-8*)

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