

Series: Uncaged – The book of Galatians

Sermon: Walking Fruit Trees – Galatians 5:14, 22-26

The Promise To Love – vv. 14, 26

The Image Of Fruit – v. 22

- John 15:2, Mark 4:13, 20, Ephesians 2:10

The Fruit Of The Spirit – vv. 22-23

- 1 John 4:19, 11
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Growing Into A Spiritual Tree – vv. 24-25

1. Belong to Christ
 - Matthew 7:16-17, John 15:4-5, 9
2. Crucify the Flesh
 - John 12:24-25
3. Live by The Spirit
4. Keep In Step with the Spirit

Questions: Thank God for the fruit he is growing in you? How can you intentionally cultivate your spiritual life in Christ this week? What desires are getting in the way of growth and need to be crucified? With whom is the Spirit leading you to share his fruit?

Fruit of the Spirit – Galatians 5:22-23

3 are internal and come from God alone:

Love – An unconditional love and affection that selflessly serves others for their good.

Opposite: selfish affection or fear which results in abuse.

Joy – Taking a deep delight in God himself and satisfaction in your life regardless of outer circumstances.

Opposite: hopelessness and despair in life

Peace – An inner stillness and confidence in God's wisdom and control in life, even when facing of trouble.

Opposite: anxiety and worry

6 are externally expressed in relationship to others:

Patience – An emotional quietness without reaction to another. It is a willingness to stick with people without pushing for results

Opposite: resentment toward God or others, which causes us to react to them.

Kindness – A compassionate and humble heart that meets the needs of others. Having a deep inner security.

Opposite: envy or resentment which leaves me unable to care

Goodness – Zealously doing what it needed for the good of others. This even includes correcting someone, but with loving wisdom. Having integrity at all times.

Opposite: Being truthful but not loving in one's actions towards others.

Faithfulness – To be utterly reliable and true to your word because you are driven by principle. This produces loyal commitments.

Opposite: Commitments based only on immediate self-interests. A fair weather friend.

Gentleness – It's the right use of power for the benefit of others. Not needing to force our way in life but using self-restraint.

Opposite: self-centered use of power.

Self-Control – The ability to marshal and direct our energies toward godly things. It's mastery over human impulses and desires that would enslave us. This freedom comes only in surrender to the Holy Spirit.

Opposite: Impulsive or uncontrolled reaction to things.