

Galatians 5:22-23 - Fruit Of The Spirit – Peace

I. Peace In War Time – Galatians 5:1, 16-23

- John 16:33

II. Peace Like A River

- Isaiah 48:17-18, 22, Galatians 5:14

1. It is perpetual

2. It is powerful

III. Cultivating The Fruit Of Peace – Galatians 5:24-25

1. Recognize You Belong to Christ Jesus

- John 15:4-5, Isaiah 26:3

2. Crucify the sinful desires

- John 12:24-25

3. Live by the Spirit

4. Keep in step with the Spirit

5. Jesus says, “My Peace I Give You”

- Mark 14:33-38, John 19:10-11; 14:25-27

Fruit of the Spirit – Galatians 5:22-23, modified from Timothy Kellor

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

Opposite: Selfish affection or fear which results in abuse.

Counterfeit: Selfish affection where you love someone for what they give you physically or how they make you feel emotionally.

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

Opposite: Hopelessness and despair in life

Counterfeit: Happiness or elation because of favorable circumstance that creates mood swings.

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

Opposite: Anxiety and worry

Counterfeit: Apathy or not caring either way about something

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.

Counterfeit: Holding them in contempt or just indifference

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

Opposite: Envy or resentment which leaves us unable to care

Counterfeit: Doing good for others so we can feel proud of who we are and more acceptable to God.

Goodness (i.e. integrity) – Zealously doing what is needed for the good of others. This even includes correcting someone, but with loving wisdom.

Opposite: Being truthful but not loving in our actions towards others.

Counterfeit: Doing things to make ourselves look better

Faithfulness – Being utterly reliable and true to our word because we are driven by principle. This produces loyal commitments.

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

Counterfeit: Being loving but not truthful, because of an unwillingness to confront or challenge others.

Gentleness – 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.

Counterfeit: Inferiority: self-absorption, self-consciousness

Self-Control – The power the Holy Spirit gives us to master godly things instead of giving into human impulses and desires that enslave us.

Opposite: Impulsive or uncontrolled reaction to things.

Counterfeit: Exercising our own willpower out of pride or the need to feel in control (Col. 2:23).