

The Fruit Of The Spirit

Galatians 5:22-23

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Love

Galatians 5:22-26

In this service we will be teaching about love, joy and peace

- I get to share about love from Galatians 5
- You will notice as we/the pastors go through the different fruit of the Spirit that without love you cannot do any of them.
- **We are going to look at some basic scriptures on love:**
- On God's love for children for moms and stepmoms,
- Grandmothers or anyone enacting the roll of mom.
- If you have stepped into this role, this is for you also
- There are over 280 passages in the Bible with love in them,
- Let alone many principles about love through the whole Bible.
- **Obviously, this morning will just be some basics**
- **So, what is love and how important is it?**
- **It is not always easy to love**
- **Without God's love it would be impossible to truly understand the love of God and how to love others.**
- **In John 3:16 the word says**
- **¹⁶ For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.**
- **The ultimate love was God giving His son so that our sins would be forgiven.**

- **And we could have eternal life in heaven**
 - **Without knowing God and His love, you cannot know real love**
 - **If you do not know Jesus as your Lord and Savior, you can come forward after the service and talk to one of the prayer elders and know Him today**
 - **Let's read 1 Corinthians 13:1-3 on love**
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- **1 Corinthians 13:1-3**
 - *13:1-3* Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. ² And though I have *the gift of prophecy*, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³ And though I bestow all my goods to feed *the poor*, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.¹
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- We see in this passage how important love is
 - It is a quality we need to do anything for God
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- Let's read on with a basic definition of love:
 - **1 Corinthians 13:4-7**
 - **Love** suffers long and is kind; **love** does not envy; **love** does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. 8a **love** never fails.
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- **You notice you can put Jesus in the place of love and it flows perfectly**
 - Because Jesus is love
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- **If and or when you are not feeling very loving toward your child, Go to this passage and try putting your name in the place of love**
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- **Let me show you what I am talking about by using my name**
 - **Remember I am not feeling very loving at this time**
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- You should have a different attitude toward your child at that point
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- **John 15:13** says
 - Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.
 - Moms, your children are more than just your friends.
 - **Sometimes it is easier to love our friends than your own children**
 - But, God never said it would be easy
 - It wasn't easy for God to die on the cross
 - We need to do the right thing weather it is easy or not
 - That is not what God wants for us
 - your children need your love
 - And they need to know that you would lay down your life for them
 - Also, if you love them you will correct them
 - **Proverbs 27:5** says
 - ⁵Open rebuke *is* better than love carefully concealed.²
 - **Hebrews 12:6a** says
 - ⁶*For whom the LORD loves He chastens,*³
 - **If we love, we will discipline**
 - **But how do we correct them:**
 - **Ephesians 4:15** says
 - ¹⁵ but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ⁴
 - You will mess up, but if they know you love them
 - **Then they can forgive you and love you**
 - **Discipline according to their age**
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- **I remember when one of my daughters was doing something**
- **I started to discipline her and God convicted me**
- **It went something like this.....**

- How you say something matters
- You can crush your child's spirit or heart by how you say something
- Your tone, your facial expressions, by yelling and not training

- What you say can literally change their lives for better or worse
- Think back to when your mom or others said something positive or negative.
- What did that do to you?
- When we share or discipline with a loving heart they can grow properly
- Then we are training them in love and the ways of the Lord
- Our children can then grow in the lord

- **1 Peter 4:8 says**
- Love covers a multitude of sins.
- **They need your love**
- **Again, if they know you love them, it will be easier to forgive you**
- **You want them to care and listen to what you say**

- **There is a saying:**
- **Nobody cares how much you know until they know how much you care**

- **If they know you really care, you can then get through to them!!**
- **Think back again for a moment on how you felt when your mom said something positive**
- **Now think about how you felt when she said something negative**

- **Let's talk about a few practical ways to show your love to your children**

- **Praying for and with your children**
- It is so important that you lead by example
- Praying is so important

- **Encouraging them in what they are doing**

- Then they can grow properly
- They will grow and glow when this happens

- Give them the gift of time
- What do they like doing
- Taking a walk together
- Watching movies together
- Playing games together
- Spend time with them doing some things they like

- **Training them in the ways of the Lord**

- **Reading God's word to them**
- Or books about God

- **Going to their events**
- Listen, even if they say they don't care if you come, go anyway.
- Example of me in the bands:
- The first one I was looking for was Mom

- **Modeling God's love**
- If you are married this means to your husband first
- One of the greatest examples of love for our children
- Is seeing the proper love of a husband and wife

- **Being their cheerleader in life**
- They need to know you are there cheering them on
- **This will give them confidence**
- **This can change their lives forever**

- **Here are a few resources to help us love better:**

- **5 Love Languages for Children (Gary Chapman & Ross Cambell)**
- **5 Love Languages for Teens (Gary Chapman)**

- These books will explain how to speak their love languages so they will know you love them
- Example:
 - do they like one-on-one time with you
 - do they like gifts
 - do they want you to hug them more
- another resource:
 - **The Power of a Praying Mom (Stormie Omartian)**
 - This will help you to pray with wisdom for them

Ok I have a few of questions for moms

- Did you think raising your children would be easy?
- When do you stop being a mom and loving your children?
- **NEVER!!!**
- What do your children need to do that would cause you to stop loving them?
- When does God stop loving us?
- **NOTHING SHOULD STOP US FROM LOVING THEM!!**
- **We might not always like them, but we must always love them!**
- How old do they need to be so you can stop loving them and being their mom?
- **THEY ARE NEVER TOO OLD!!!**
- The way you love them and interact with them will change as their ages change
- **Continue to learn how to love them at each stage**
- Keep loving them and learning their love language!
- **Moms, God is not done with you**

- Love the Lord with all your Heart, Mind and Soul
 - **Matthew 22:37-40 says**
 - ³⁷ Jesus said to him, “ ‘*You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.*’ ³⁸ This is *the* first and great commandment. ³⁹ And *the* second is like it: ‘*You shall love your neighbor as yourself.*’ ⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”⁵
 - Moms, you need to love the Lord first
 - Then love your neighbor and your children!!
 - How much more are we to love our children than our neighbor
 - **Yet sometimes we show more love for our neighbor than for our children**
 - **Pray that God gives you that heart**
 - **Put them before your neighbor**
 - **Or co-worker**
 - **Or the people you minister with**
 - **Let’s love the Lord with all our hearts**
 - And love our children as God loves them
 - **The goal is to have your children grow up to be Godly adults**
 - As Pastor Ron is coming out to share about JOY
 - **Let’s remember** it is God’s goodness that draws us and them to repentance
 - It’s not always easy to love
 - But remember God is not finished with you yet as a mom
 - And He never will be.
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JOY

Ron Rose

The Bible makes it clear that everyone receives the Holy Spirit the moment he or she believes in Jesus Christ ([Romans 8:9](#); [1 Corinthians 12:13](#); [Ephesians 1:13-14](#)). One of the primary purposes of the Holy Spirit coming into a Christian's life is to change that life. It is the Holy Spirit's job to conform us to the image of Christ, making us more like Him.

As Christians, we have the Holy Spirit producing His fruit in us and we have the Holy Spirit's power available to conquer the acts of the sinful nature ([2 Corinthians 5:17](#); [Philippians 4:13](#)). A Christian will never be completely victorious in always demonstrating the fruits of the Holy Spirit. It is one of the main purposes of the Christian life, though, to progressively allow the Holy Spirit to produce more and more of His fruit in our lives—and to allow the Holy Spirit to conquer the opposing sinful desires. **The fruit of the Spirit is what God desires our lives to exhibit and, with the Holy Spirit's help, it is possible!**

Joy (chara) – is the gladness or happiness that radiates from the life of the believer- an outward expression of the inward peace.

The Holy Spirit brings forth fruit in the believer's life

Joy is love's reaction to God's mercies, blessings, and benefits. Christian joy is not, however dependent on circumstances. The joy which is a facet of love trusts God even in the most trying circumstances.

Human joy looks at things upon the earth and is affected by the conditions of earth. Christian joy-a fruit of the Spirit-looks heavenward and is unaffected by surrounding conditions, because Heaven's benefits are unvarying.

Foundations of Pentecostal Theology Guy P. Duffield and Nathaniel Van Cleave

Illustrations/example

3 Hebrew Children

Paul and Silas (singing in prison)

Joy of being a Mother

“A woman, when she is in labor, has sorrow because her hour has come; but as soon as she has given birth to the child, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world.” John 16:21

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Pain to Joy

Joy in the mist of messy situations

Sarah Hannah Elizabeth
Barren and then the joy of motherhood

“Only God Himself fully appreciates the influence of a Christian mother in the molding of character in her children. Most of the noble characters and fine leaders of history have had good, God-fearing mothers. They know and absorb her example and attitudes when it comes to questions of honesty, temperance, and industry.

Billy Graham

“Of all the people I have ever known, my mother had the greatest influence on me.”
Billy Graham

Moms.

Joy in Motherhood in Spite of Circumstances

Miscarriage
Unexpected difficulties
Loss of a child
Prodigal

Weeping may endure for a night, But joy comes in the morning.”
Psalm 30:5b

Thank You

Moms
Adoption Moms (Grandmothers)
Foster Moms

Thank you for your love and the joy that you bring into our lives. Thank you for teaching and showing us how to follow Jesus.

Thank you for sharing Jesus, His love, and joy. Thank you moms!

“Peace”

Shadrach Means

Galatians 5:22

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Galatians 5:22 “But the FRUIT of the Spirit is love, joy, peace...”

- *Peace* - The basic feature of the Gk. concept of εἰρήνη is that the word does not primarily denote a relationship between several people,¹ or an attitude,² but a state, i.e., “time of peace” or “state of peace,”

Matthew 5:9 “**Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.**”

- *Peacemaker* – he who makes peace
- *The example of being a peacemaker actually comes from God.*
 - **2 Corinthians 5:18-20** “¹⁸ Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, ¹⁹ that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. ²⁰ Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore *you* on Christ’s behalf, be reconciled to God.”
- Jesus is our peace!
 - **Ephesians 2:14-18** “¹⁴ For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, ¹⁵ having abolished in His flesh the enmity, *that is*, the law of commandments *contained* in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man *from* the two, *thus* making peace, ¹⁶ and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. ¹⁷ And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. ¹⁸ For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father.”

I can’t think of a woman in the Bible who went out of her way to make peace like Abigail the Carmelites.

Turn in your Bible to...

1 Samuel 25:2-3 “² Now *there was* a man in Maon whose business *was* in Carmel, and the man *was* very rich. He had three thousand sheep and a thousand goats. And he was shearing his sheep in Carmel. ³ The name of the man *was* Nabal, and the name of his wife Abigail. And *she was* a woman of good understanding and beautiful appearance; but the man *was* harsh and evil in *his* doings.”

- We immediately see the contrast between Abigail and Nabal.

- *Nabal* – means foolish

Vs. 4 David hears that Nabal is in Carmel to shear sheep and sends men to him in hopes of receiving payment for providing a security detail for him. Even though Nabal didn't request one.

Vs. 10 Basically Nabal tells them to beat it.

Vs. 13 David arms his men with intent to harm Nabal.

Vs. 14 Nabal's men go to Abigail because if you remember, she is a woman of good understanding. She had a level head!

1 Samuel 25:16 ¹⁶“They were a wall to us both by night and day, all the time we were with them keeping the sheep. ¹⁷Now therefore, know and consider what you will do, for harm is determined against our master and against all his household. For he *is such* a scoundrel that *one* cannot speak to him.”

1 Samuel 25:18-19 ¹⁸“Then Abigail made haste and took two hundred *loaves* of bread, two skins of wine, five sheep already dressed, five seahs of roasted *grain*, one hundred clusters of raisins, and two hundred cakes of figs, and loaded *them* on donkeys. ¹⁹And she said to her servants, “Go on before me; see, I am coming after you.” But she did not tell her husband Nabal.”

Vs. 20 She rides her donkey to David and his men.

1 Samuel 25:21-35 ²¹Now David had said, “Surely in vain I have protected all that this *fellow* has in the wilderness, so that nothing was missed of all that *belongs* to him. And he has repaid me evil for good. ²²May God do so, and more also, to the enemies of David, if I leave one male of all who *belong* to him by morning light.” ²³Now when Abigail saw David, she dismounted quickly from the donkey, fell on her face before David, and bowed down to the ground. ²⁴So she fell at his feet and said: “On me, my lord, *on* me *let* this iniquity *be!* And please let your maidservant speak in your ears, and hear the words of your maidservant. ²⁵Please, let not my lord regard this scoundrel Nabal. For as his name *is*, so *is* he: Nabal (foolish) *is* his name, and folly *is* with him! But I, your maidservant, did not see the young men of my lord whom you sent. ²⁶Now therefore, my lord, as the LORD lives and as your soul lives, since the LORD has held you back from coming to bloodshed and from avenging yourself with your own hand, now then, let your enemies and those who seek harm for my lord be as Nabal. ²⁷And now this present which your maidservant has brought to my lord, let it be given to the young men who follow my lord. ²⁸Please forgive the trespass of your maidservant. For the LORD will certainly make for my lord an enduring house, because my lord fights the battles of the LORD, and evil is not found in you throughout your days. ²⁹Yet a man has

risen to pursue you and seek your life, but the life of my lord shall be bound in the bundle of the living with the LORD your God; and the lives of your enemies He shall sling out, *as from* the pocket of a sling. ³⁰ And it shall come to pass, when the LORD has done for my lord according to all the good that He has spoken concerning you, and has appointed you ruler over Israel, ³¹ that this will be no grief to you, nor offense of heart to my lord, either that you have shed blood without cause, or that my lord has avenged himself. But when the LORD has dealt well with my lord, then remember your maidservant.” ³² Then David said to Abigail: “Blessed *is* the LORD God of Israel, who sent you this day to meet me! ³³ And blessed *is* your advice and blessed *are* you, because you have kept me this day from coming to bloodshed and from avenging myself with my own hand. ³⁴ For indeed, as the LORD God of Israel lives, who has kept me back from hurting you, unless you had hurried and come to meet me, surely by morning light no males would have been left to Nabal!” ³⁵ So David received from her hand what she had brought him, and said to her, “Go up in peace to your house. See, I have heeded your voice and respected your person.”

Hebrews 12:14-15 ¹⁴ Pursue peace with all *people*, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord: ¹⁵ looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled.”

James 3:18 “...the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.”