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Fruit of the Spirit: Love

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**HANDOUT NOTES**

* **Introduction**

**Galatians 5:16-26** But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

**Galatians 5:19-26**

**Galatians 5:5-6** For through the Spirit, by faith, we ourselves eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love.

**Galatians 5:13-14** For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

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* **Love**

**Matthew 22:37-40** And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

**Ephesians 1:3-10** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. *In love* he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

Christian, you were predestined and elected to salvation through God’s love for you in which He lavishes us with His grace, giving us every spiritual gift in the heavenly places—all for His glory, all through the work of Christ Jesus our Lord and Savior.

If God loved you for something in you, then that love could change, but God does not change.

If God has saved you, Christian, it is because of His unchanging love that He decided to place upon you based only in Himself, and therefore you can never fail enough to cause Him to stop loving you.

**1 Corinthians 13:4-8, 13** Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends ... So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

Without love, faith would not exist. Without love, hope would not exist, church. All of this comes from love, and love—true love—comes from God.

Faith and love go hand in hand, church. You cannot have faith in God without a love for God. You cannot have love for God without faith in Him. When God the Holy Spirit gives you a new heart and God grants you faith in Christ Jesus, it is a new heart that loves and believes. This only happened because God loved us first.

**1 John 4:7-21**

Church, we love because God loved us and saved us from our sin through His costly sacrifice of His Son.

Praise God for His great love, church.

No matter how bad or how much the world uses the word love, when it is placed in lies and dishonors God who is love, it is NOT LOVE!

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**Flesh:**

Sexual immorality

Impurity

Sensuality

Idolatry

Sorcery

Enmity

Strife

Jealousy

Fits of anger

Rivalries

**Spirit:**

Love

Joy

Peace

Patience

Kindness

Goodness

Faithfulness

Gentleness

Self-Control

Dissension

Division

Envy

Drunkenness

Orgies

* **Conclusion**

The fruit of the Spirit is a work of God in our hearts.