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Fruit of the Spirit: Peace

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**HANDOUT NOTES**

* **Introduction**

The fruit of the Spirit is simply the result of us looking more like God because we are filled with His Spirit.

**Isaiah 26:3** “You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you.”

* **What Is Peace?**

**Shalom**: wholeness, completeness, soundness, health, safety, and prosperity

**Romans 2:4** Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?

* **To Know the Peace of God You Must First Know the God of Peace**

**John 6:63** “It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all.”

**Romans 8:5-9** For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.

* **The Gospel of Peace**

The good news of the gospel is news that announces and brings peace.

**Isaiah 53:5** But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us ***peace***, and with his wounds we are healed.

**John 16:33** “I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

**Luke 2:14** "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

**Proverbs 16:7** When a man's ways please the Lord, he makes even his enemies to be at peace with him.

As we become more like Christ, we will be hated more by the world.

**2 Corinthians 2:15-16** For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing, to one a fragrance from death to death, to the other a fragrance from life to life ...

**John 15:20** “Remember the word that I said to you: 'A servant is not greater than his master. ' If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours.’

**John 16:1** “I have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away.”

**Matthew 10:34** "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth.

I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.”

**Isaiah 57:21** “There is no peace," says my God, "for the wicked."

**John 3:16-19** "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.”

**Ephesians 6:12** For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

**Romans 12:18** If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

We want others to be reconciled to God because that is who we are: we are the children of God whose Spirit dwells in us and causes us to bear fruit that resembles Him.

**Ephesians 2:13-22** But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

**Ephesians 4:1-3** I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

**John 17:22-23** “The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.”

**Matthew 16:18** “And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.”

* **Application**

**Isaiah 26:3** “You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you.”

**Philippians 4:6-7** do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Just as we cannot know courage apart from the presence of fearful things, neither can we know the unsurpassable peace of Christ apart from suffering.

**Philippians 4:11b-12** for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need.

**Philippians 4:13** I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.