

The Fruit of Peace



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- Review – “The Fruit of the Holy Spirit – Gal. 5:22-23
 - The Christian Believer is to walk bearing God’s nature a life that is marked by the Fruit of the Holy Spirit.
 - Only the Holy Spirit can produce the fruit of the Spirit and not by our own efforts.
 - The word “fruit” is singular, not plural.
 - The Holy Spirit has only one fruit.
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- Lesson 2 – “The Fruit of Love” – 1 Corinthians 13:1-13
 - Spiritual gifts, no matter how exciting and wonderful, are useless and even destructive if they are not ministered in love.
 - The agape (divine love) is the highest word for love in the New Testament.
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- Lesson # 3 – “The Fruit of Joy”
 - Joy – an inner gladness; a deep-seated pleasure.”
 - The declaration of God’s Word, accompanied by a sincere desire to follow its instruction, will result in a true, heartfelt joy.

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- The Hebrew word of peace is shalom.
 - Shalom means harmony, wholeness, soundness, well-being, and success in all areas of life.
 - It is a bosom peace, a peace within.
 - Though the result of the fall was the destruction of peace and well-being for mankind and indeed for the entire created world, God has planned to restore shalom.
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1. Satan initiated the destruction of peace into our world in the Garden of Eden, the reestablishment of peace must involve the destruction of Satan’s power.

2. At Jesus' birth, the angels proclaimed that God's peace had now come to the earth (Luke 2:14).
 - When we believe in Jesus Christ, we are justified by faith and have peace with God (Rom. 5:1).

3. Just knowing that Christ came as the Prince of Peace does not mean that peace will automatically become part of our lives; to experience peace requires that we be united with Christ in an active faith.
 - It is God's desire that we have the "peace of God" (Phil. 4:7).
- A. This peace is an inner tranquility mediated to us by the Holy Spirit (Rom. 8:15-16).
- B. When we lay our troubles before God in prayer, this peace will guard at the door of our hearts and minds preventing the cares of life (Is 26:3-4, 12; 37:1-7; Rom. 8:35-39; 1 Pet. 5:7).
- C. If fear and anxiety return, prayer, supplication, and thanksgiving will put us under the peace of God.
 - This peace of God means to be secure in the love and care of God.
 - The wonderful promise about the peace of God is twofold.
 - First, the peace of God passes all understanding.
 - Second, the peace of God keeps our hearts and mind.
 - In Christ there is peace, in the world there is tribulation (John 16:33).
 - Tribulation: pressure, oppression, stress, anguish, adversity, affliction, crushing, squashing, squeezing, and distress.
 - In Jesus Christ, we have all the resources that we need.
 - Every believer is either overcome or an overcomer (1 John 5:4).