

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.**

- **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.**

- **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.**
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).