

## The Fruit of the Spirit, Part 1 Galatians 5:16-26

**Galatians ... Jesus plus \_\_\_\_\_ = everything**

"Every growth of spiritual life, from the first tender shoot until now, has been the work of the Holy Spirit.... The only way to more life and growth is the Holy Spirit. You will not even know that you want more unless He works in you to desire it.... The Spirit of God must come and make the Word alive, transfer it to your heart, set it on fire, and make it burn within you, or else its divine force and majesty will be hidden from your eyes." --Charles Spurgeon

### **Why we need the Spirit to grow ...**

1. Because apart from the Spirit, we will \_\_\_\_\_ to the desires of the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - The \_\_\_\_\_ = the part of us that's still attracted to sin, often our ego
  - The \_\_\_\_\_ = between the desires of the Spirit and the desires of our flesh (vs. 17)
  
2. Because apart from the Spirit, we will become \_\_\_\_\_ by attempting to overcome the \_\_\_\_\_ on our own.
  - The problem is that we look to the \_\_\_\_\_—rules and regulations—to protect us from these fruits of the flesh.  
  
Philippians 2:13, "It is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure."  
  
➤ The Law cannot \_\_\_\_\_ our sin; it can only \_\_\_\_\_ us our sin (Galatians 3:24).  
  
Romans 8:2-3, "For the law (dominating power) of the Spirit of life has set you free from the law (dominating power) of sin and death."
  
3. Because with the Spirit, we bear \_\_\_\_\_ that reflects the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus.
  - Love, joy, peace, \_\_\_\_\_, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, \_\_\_\_\_, self-control

### **Application**

You don't grow by focusing on the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Spirit; you grow by focusing on the \_\_\_\_\_ who perfectly embodied the Fruit of the Spirit.

Galatians 2:20-21, "I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose."