

Sunday School Lesson

May 29, 2022

THE SPIRITUAL FRUIT OF FREEDOM

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Galatians 5:16-26

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Questions for Us Today

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- 1. Why did the Apostle Paul emphatically make these points to the believers in Galatia?**
- 2. Is the Holy Spirit present and apparent in our lives?**
- 3. What fruit are we showing to others?**

Sunday School Lesson Objectives

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- 1. To understand the teachings of the Apostle Paul regarding the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.**
- 2. To move forward as we internalize and demonstrate the teachings of the Apostle Paul regarding the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.**

Sunday School Lesson Segments

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1. The Apostle Paul: Ministry Characteristics

2. Galatians: Words to Remember

3. Lesson Context

4. Lesson Text

The Apostle Paul

Ministry Characteristics

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1. Wide-Ranging – Paul's ministry covered a lot of geographic territory. He made at least three prominent missionary journeys. He ministered during his travels and even while he was in prison. Letters he wrote during his incarcerations are referred to as the Prison Epistles.
2. Portable – As a tentmaker, Paul had a ministry that he could carry with him, since he could readily find employment during his travels.

The Apostle Paul Ministry Characteristics

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3. Unbiased – Paul shared the Word with all those who would listen – Gentiles as well as Jews.

4. Gospel-Based – Paul steadily preached the Good News about Christ Jesus, the Messiah.

The Apostle Paul Ministry Characteristics

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5. Personal – Paul used examples from his own life to illustrate the love and power of God. His humility was in evidence, or else he would not have exposed his own shortcomings.

6. Uplifting – Paul encouraged many (churches and individuals) with his preaching and teaching.

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7. Verbal and Written – Guided by the Holy Spirit, Paul preached powerful sermons and wrote loving, enriching and edifying letters.

The Epistle of the Apostle Paul to the Galatians

Words to Remember

1. Galatians 2:20 "I am crucified with Christ."
2. Galatians 5:22-23 "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance..."
3. Galatians 6:7 "Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow."
4. Galatians 6:9 "And let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

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Context

In the first segment of the fifth Chapter (Verses 1-15) of his letter to the Galatians, well covered by Brother Michael McCants in last week's Sunday School lesson, the Apostle Paul wrote about "The Nature of Christian Freedom."

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Text

Galatians 5:16-26

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- **Works of the Flesh: Verses 16-21.**
- **The Fruit of the Spirit: Verses 22-26.**

Galatians 5:16 (NLT)

So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves.

Galatians 5:17

The sinful nature wants to do evil, which is just the opposite of what the Spirit wants. And the Spirit gives us desires that are the opposite of that the sinful nature desires. These two forces are constantly fighting each other, so you are not free to carry out your good intentions.

Galatians 5:18-19

But when you are directed by the Spirit, you are not under obligation to the law of Moses.

When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear: sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures,

Galatians 5:20-21

idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division,

envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these. Let me tell you again, as I have before, anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God.

Galatians 5:22-23

But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!

Galatians 5:24-25

Those who belong to Christ have nailed the passions and desires to His cross and crucified them there.

Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives.

Galatians 5:26

Let us not become conceited, or provoke one another, or be jealous of one another.

Remember these things:

- 1. Living with and following the Holy Spirit is key for a truly Christian life.**
- 2. Let us not envy or fight with each other, causing strife in our pursuits of righteousness.**
- 3. Paul's message to the Galatians then is very relevant for us today.**

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