

Fruit of the Spirit

Week #1 - LOVE & JOY

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We must be willing to give up things we THINK satisfy us
for what will truly satisfy us.

"The fruit of the Spirit" (Galatians 5:22-23)

- The fruit of the Spirit is **SINGULAR**.
- The characteristics of that fruit are also characteristics of God.
- They are divine characteristics only God can **PERFECT** within us as we WALK with Him.
- The outcome will be **OBVIOUS**. (Galatians 5:15,18)

Love

- Love most comprehensively sums up God. (1 John 4:16)
- Love is invoked in all of Scripture's superlatives.
(Matthew 22:36-40; 1 Corinthians 13; Colossians 3:12-14)
- Love is the proving quality of a follower of Jesus (John 13:35)

Joy

If LOVE is an ACTION; JOY is its accompanying ATTITUDE.

- Joy **SPRINGS** up from God Himself.

*You reveal the path of life to me; in your presence is abundant joy;
at your right hand are eternal pleasures. - Psalm 16:11*

- His desire is to **SHARE** His joy with us.

*"Don't be afraid, for look, I proclaim to you good news of great joy
that will be for all the people" - Luke 2:10*

*"I have told you these things so that my joy may be in you
and your joy may be complete." - John 15:11*

True JOY comes from KNOWING and TRUSTING the LORD.

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Joy needs roots. (John 15)

- **CONNECT to the source of joy.**
Do you know Jesus?
- **Depend on Him for DEVELOPMENT.**
Are you desperate for His truth?
Are you asking Him to produce fruit in your life?
- **Ask for the EXCHANGE.**

When we compare what we deserve in our sin to what we receive in Christ, it brings us to a place of eternal joy.