
Intro: The Apostle Paul, having presented a list of fifteen deeds of the flesh, now presents a list of nine _______________ that are of the ________ of the Spirit.

A. Paul said that we are to “walk by the Spirit ...” (5:16). It is vital that we understand what it means to ________ in the Spirit by comprehending what the Holy Spirit produces in us. To walk in the Spirit is to ________ _______ a life filled with love, joy, ____________, patience, etc.

B. It is essential that we walk in this Heavenly Fruit for having put off the deeds of the flesh, something must be put on in sins place. Paul said, “________ ____ the Spirit, and you will ________ ________ _______ the desire of the flesh.”

1. Where there was immorality, impurity, and sensuality there __________ _______ ____ love! Where there was idolatry and sorcery there must now be _______! Where there was enmities, strife and jealousy there must now be peace! Where there was outbursts of anger there must now be ________________! Where there was drunkenness there must now be self-control!

I. “But the ________ of the ________ ...”

A. The verse begins with the ______________: “But ...” ... In stark and unbridgeable contrast to the deeds of the ______ there is the Fruit of the ________.

1. You __________ __________ ________ your poison and the cure. Will you seek to glorify yourself by yielding to the desires of your flesh ____ will you live by faith in the Son of God, who lov’d you, and deliv’red Himself up for you, thereby glorifying Him? Will you give yourself to the carrying out the deeds of your flesh ____ will you walk by God’s Holy Spirit?

B. That which the __________ __________ is fruit.

1. The ________ of the Spirit is not that which we can produce through works of righteousness but that which ______ alone ____________ in us through His Spirit.

C. The ________ of the Spirit is ______________.

1. This list of nine should be considered ______ as the Fruit__ of the Spirit but as aspects of the Fruit of the Spirit, as the many facets of one beautiful diamond. As when we open an orange and find many sections, so is the Fruit of the Spirit one while composed of intertwined _____________.

2. As the Spirit indwells us and as we walk by the Spirit, God is cohesive aspects of His Fruit in us.

II. “But the fruit of the Spirit is ________, ...”

A. Love is the ______________ over arching __________ from which all virtue flows. If there is no love then there is no joy! If there is no love then there is no patience. If there is no love then there is no gentleness. 1 Cor. 13:13; “... now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the ______________ of these is ________.”

1. Why is this ____ Why is love the supreme virtue - the greatest of these? Because ______ is love! 1 John 4:16; “And we have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us. God ____ love, ... .” Everything about God has love at its foundation for God is ________.
2. We can easily see why it is that God produces ______ in us for He is love, and love for Him and our fellow man is the ___________ of the His entire Law!

3. Being filled with _______ we then fulfill the entirety of the Law and Prophets _______ as one under compulsion, nor as a burdensome duty, nor in _______, but voluntarily, as children whose joy it is to do what is pleasing in the Father's sight.

B. Not only is His love in us glorifying to Him, but it is great and irrefutable of our right relationship with Him. 1 John 4:7-8 says, "Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is ______ and knows God. 8 The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love." And 1 John 3:14 says, "that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brethren."

C. We who believe in Christ are ____________ to love.

1. Jesus said, "A new commandment I give to you, that you ______ one another, even as I have loved you, that you also ______ one another. 35 "By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have ______ for one another" (John 13:34-35). And John 15:17 says, "This I command you, that you ______ one another."

D. The _______ that is of the Fruit of the Spirit is _________.

1. Agape love is the love of will whereby one ___________ ______ another only because they have chosen to so love them. Such love, being ________________, transcends issues of loveliness,lovability, worthiness, emotional hesitations and very often transcends normal human reason, often seeming to be quite irrational in its __________ and display.

E. To help us to comprehend the greatness and divine nature of agape we only need to consider the ______________ shown us in God through _________.

1. Church, here is the agape of God revealed to us: "But ______ demonstrates His own ______ toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, ______ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

F. This is how we are to ______: ___ _____ so loved us! But how can we do this
1. Beloved, we can agape because ______ has freed us from sin and death, and by His indwelling Spirit He is presently freely ___________ agape in us, and we are freed to put His _______ to practice as we walk by the Spirit!

2. __________ this truth: the indwelling Holy Spirit has and is currently producing the agape of _______ in every believer – in you and me.

Closing: Let us no longer deny what the ______ has done and is doing in us, producing the love of God _______ us. Having been freed from sin and having repented of sin, and having been freed to love, let us fully realize the _______ that God has poured out _______ our hearts.

A. Beloved, "God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline" (2 Tim 1:7). So, let us __________ our blood-bought __________ by walking in the Spirit, __________ the __________ He implants in us.

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