"Those Who Belong to Christ Jesus, Pt. X; The Fruit of the Spirit, Pt. VI"

Intro: Having been ______________ by grace through faith we possess a most wonderful and free salvation granted us by God, purchased for us by Christ, and effected in us by the Holy Spirit. ... All honor and ____________ belongs ___ the Lord for He is the ________ of grace!

A. Because God has caused us to be born again, causing His Holy Spirit to indwell us, so do we, as we walk by the Spirit, fulfill the law for ____________ (that unique and divine love of God) is the ______________ option of the Law and agape is first and foremost what the Holy Spirit actively produces in us!

B. This morning, as the Lord would have it, we are going to learn of the ____________ the __________ we have not yet studied, which are: faithfulness, gentleness and self-control; followed then by the closing words of the 5th chapter.

I. That the ____________ might walk in the Spirit the Spirit Himself produces ____________ in the believer.

A. Faithfulness has to do with fidelity, trustworthiness, ______________, devotion that never fails, firmness of ______________, unwavering conviction and unalterable belief.

B. Leon Morris wrote, "The ____________ to serve God faithfully through the years and through the temptations of life is not something we achieve by heroic virtue. It comes the Spirit." _______ is presently producing faithfulness in you!

II. Another ______________ that the Holy Spirit plants and brings to fruition within us is ______________.

A. The word translated gentleness is translated ______________ in translations such as the KJV and ASV.

B. Spiro Zodhiates wrote: "Primarily it (meekness) does not denote outward expression of feeling, but an inward ____________ of the soul, calmness ______________ ______ in particular. It is the acceptance of God’s dealings with us considering them as good in that they enhance the closeness of our relationship with Him. ... This meekness _______ _______ _______ God for the persecutions and evil doings of men."

C. Here is one of the many beauties of ______________: as one is calm toward God knowing Him to be the Sovereign over all then they will ______________ things within their calmness toward God, rather than in suspicion, fear or anger. That is not to say that mature believers will not feel righteous anger toward unrighteousness, and will not need to administer correction, discipline and rebuke others, but that all these things do not, as we so think in our fallen minds, have to be handled angrily or hatefully, or as to get vengeance. But even these can be administered in the calmness we have toward ________, as we accept the situation without blame toward God but that through which God is accomplishing His ________ _______.

III. As is listed by Paul the last facet of the Fruit that the Spirit produces in us is ________-
______________.
A. Self-control refers to temperance and emphasizes the restraining of fleshly appetites (some of which when Spirit-controlled are perfectly acceptable but when given to unrestraint and overindulgence become sinful in practice). ... Self-control for the flesh (cf. Gal. 5:13).

IV. “_________ things” as the Fruit of the Spirit as revealed in these nine virtues “there is ___.”

A. These godliness’s and all others such as these meet the righteous standard of God and therefore there is ___ law that is issued ___________ or regulating them.

B. Those who belong to Christ and walk by His Spirit need _____ to regulate them for their ___ with its passions and desires has been _____________.

1. Though _____ lives in us, yet being nailed to the cross (crucified) its _______ over us has _______ and so are we to reckon ourselves as dead to sin. Sin has ___ ________ over us who are saved.

2. _________ _______ the crucified and powerless passions by walking by the Spirit. Dear church, we overwhelmingly ___ all these things that are against us through Him who loved us! 1 John 4:4, “You are from God, little children, and have ______ them; because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world.”

V. Since the Spirit gives us life, we are to ___________ to the Spirit.

A. Those who keep in step with the Spirit are _______ self-absorbed _____________, but rather they see themselves rightly, as humble _____________ of their Holy God.

1. As for us, let us walk by the Spirit, _______ becoming _____________!

2. As for us, let us walk by the Spirit, _______ one another!

3. As for us, let us walk in the Spirit, _______ one another.

4. Boasting, challenging and envying are passions of the flesh that those who walk by the Spirit have crucified. _______ by the Spirit continually _______ ______ back into legalism. Where the Spirit of the Lord is there is liberty!

Conclusion: ___________ today who you will serve! If you will walk by the Spirit you will not fulfill the lusts of the flesh.

Choose today who you will serve! Will it be ________, strife, boasting, challenging, envying? ____ will you choose to walk by the ________ in love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control?

Choose today who you will serve! Walk by the ________ ____ you will carry out the desires to the ___________!

Choose today who you will serve! Will it be ___________ ____ Christ! Leave religion behind and concern yourself with the true righteousness that is found in ___________! Walk by the Spirit and fulfill the righteousness of God. Choose today who you will serve!

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