

## **Galatians (Good Fruit)**

*How God Grows Us*

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### **Galatians 5:22-25**

*22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. 24 And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.*

### **Galatians 4:12-15**

*12 Brothers, I entreat you, become as I am, for I also have become as you are. You did me no wrong. 13 You know it was because of a bodily ailment that I preached the gospel to you at first, 14 and though my condition was a trial to you, you did not scorn or despise me, but received me as an angel of God, as Christ Jesus. 15 What then has become of your blessedness? For I testify to you that, if possible, you would have gouged out your eyes and given them to me.*

**Cf. 2 Corinthians 11:22-33; 12:7-10**

### **2 Corinthians 3:17-18**

*17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. 18 And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.*

- **The J-curve** – Experts on learning tell us that whenever we set out to master a new skill, it tends to follow a J-shaped curve; we tend to get worse before we get better.

### **2 Corinthians 4:1-18**

*1 Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. 2 But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. 3 And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. 4 In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. 5 For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. 6 For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.*

*7 But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. 8 We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; 9 persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; 10 always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. 11 For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. 12 So death is at work in us, but life in you.*

13 *Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, “I believed, and so I spoke,” we also believe, and so we also speak, 14 knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. 15 For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.*

16 *So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. 17 For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, 18 as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.*

- Do not lose heart – God is doing the work of sanctification in every believer, and it takes time. Cf. **Hebrews 12:2; Philippians 1:6**
- Sanctification is the process of being made holy by God. Cf. **1 Thessalonians 4:3; John 17**

#### **Example Scriptures of Sanctification:**

Prune, Cf. John 15:1-2

Bear/Yield, Cf. John 15:2-8

Pour Out, Cf. Philippians 2:17; 2 Timothy 4:6

Sacrifice, Cf. Psalm 116:17; Hebrews 13:15

Crucified, Cf. Galatians 2:20; 5:24

Die, Cf. Galatians 2:20; 1 Corinthians 15:31; Philippians 1:21

Deny Himself, Cf. Luke 9:23; Matthew 16:24

Lose Life, Cf. Mark 8:35

Suffer, Cf. Philippians 1:29; 1 Peter 4:13

Put Off, Cf. Ephesians 4:22; Colossians 3:9

Work Out, Cf. Philippians 2:12

Build, Cf. Matthew 7:24-27; 1 Corinthians 3:10-15; Ephesians 4:29; 1 Thessalonians 5:11

Stir Up, Cf. Hebrews 10:24; 2 Peter 3:1

Stand, Cf. Ephesians 6:14

Wrestle, Cf. Ephesians 6:12

Fight, Cf. 1 Timothy 6:12; 2 Timothy 4:7

Test, Cf. Proverbs 27:21; James 1:3; 1 Peter 4:12

Tried, Cf. Psalm 66:10

Endure, Cf. Matthew 24:13

Run, Cf. 1 Corinthians 9:24; Philippians 2:16; Hebrews 12:1

Filled, Cf. Ephesians 3:19; 5:18; Philippians 1:11

New Creation, Cf. 2 Corinthians 5:17; Galatians 6:15; Colossians 3:10

Sanctify, Cf. John 17:17; Ephesians 5:26; 1 Thessalonians 4:3; 5:23

Born Again, Cf. John 3:3

Sharpen, Cf. Proverbs 27:17; Ecclesiastes 10:10

Baptize, Cf. Luke 3:16; Galatians 3:27

Purify/Cleanse, Cf. 2 Corinthians 7:1; Hebrews 9:14; 1 John 1:7-9; 3:3; James 4:8

Purge, Cf. Psalm 51:7

Renew, Cf. Psalm 51:10

Refining Fire, Cf. Malachi 3:2-3

Consuming Fire, Cf. Hebrews 18:38  
Fire In My Bones, Cf. Jeremiah 20:9

### **Discipleship Homework:**

Use the questions and statements below to help you apply the teaching into your life.

- Examine Paul's perspective on afflictions and the contrast between outer and inner renewal. How can this perspective influence your attitude towards challenges and difficulties in your own life?
- Select one Scripture from the provided list related to sanctification. Meditate on its significance and relevance to the process of becoming more like Christ.
- Journal a personal experience where you felt God was working in you for sanctification. Afterwards pray that the Holy Spirit would sustain you and strengthen you to keep going through the process of sanctification.
- Have questions about the message or need help with the homework? Please email Pastor Jarrod at [jarrod@1116.church](mailto:jarrod@1116.church).