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FRUITFULNESS IN EVERY SEASON

Galatians 5:13-26

I. Introduction

- A. We know a tree by its fruit (Matthew 12:33)
- B. That's how we know a true Christian and a true Gospel (Galatians 3:1-5)

God desires to display His fruit of Christ-likeness through us in every season of life.

II. How will this happen?

A. #1 – The Spirit of God will Display His Fruit in Every Season When We Learn to Crucify the Sinful Flesh (Galatians 5:16-21;24)

- 1. We can't live with the sinful flesh; it has to be crucified. (Galatians 5:24)

- 2. Otherwise, the flesh will display its sinful fruit. (Galatians 5:19-21)
- 3. To crucify the flesh means to kill it, starve it out, give it nothing to feed on.
- 4. We must then set our hearts and minds in a new direction. (Colossians 3:1-17, Galatians 6:7-8)
- 5. There will always be a battle between the flesh and the Spirit. (Galatians 5:17)
 - a. The battle is evidence that the Spirit of God is living in you.
 - b. Feed the Spirit of God the Word of God and His fruit will display in every season of life.

B. #2 – The Spirit of God will Display His Fruit in Every Season When We Learn to Walk in Step with the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23;25)

- 1. Learning to walk step by step can turn into the joy of a dance.
- 2. When you walk in the Spirit He produces Christ-like Fruit. (Galatians 5:22-23)
- 3. Nine parts. One Fruit.
- 4. Often God has to exhaust human love, joy, peace, etc., in order to display the Spirit's love, joy, peace, etc.
- 5. We learn to walk in the Spirit as He leads, step by step, little by little, one act of obedience after another until we find He is living out the life of Christ in us.

III. Conclusion