

## “Navigating Life, Now That I’m Free!”

### Series: Nurturing Our Walk in the Spirit

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## Do you remember hearing about the concept of 319?

### 3 Virtues, 1 Church, 9 Spiritual Fruit

Starting today & for next 9 weeks we will be concentrating on each variety of the Fruit of the Spirit. Today, we will discover the importance of Spiritual Fruit and why their presence in our lives matters.

#### KEY Assumption:

**God desires His followers to be Transformed, to become like Christ!**

- “Do not conform to the pattern of this world, **but be transformed by the renewing of your mind**. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.” Romans 12:2
- “My dear children, for whom I am again in the **pains of childbirth until Christ is formed in you...**” Galatians 4:19
- “**It is for freedom that Christ has set us free**. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.” Galatians 5:1

**Transformation occurs when we submit to Holy Spirit and as we do that, His Fruit is revealed.**

Sadly, many Christians receive God’s grace, Liberty, and Spiritual Fruit never appears. The book of Galatians deals largely with this issue, in it we discover 3 Temptations we MUST avoid!

- **The Temptation to Reject Liberty in Christ in favor of \_\_\_\_\_**  
“Those people are zealous to win you over, but for no good. What they want is to alienate you from us, so that you may have zeal for them. <sup>18</sup>It is fine to be zealous, provided the purpose is good, and to be so always, not just when I am with you. <sup>19</sup>My dear children, for whom I am again in the pains of childbirth until Christ is formed in you, <sup>20</sup>how I wish I could be with you now and change my tone, because I am perplexed about you!” Galatians 4:17-20

“Understand, then, that those who have faith are children of Abraham. <sup>8</sup>Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: “All nations will be blessed through you.” <sup>9</sup>So those who rely on faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith. Galatians 3:7-9

“So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, <sup>27</sup>for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. <sup>28</sup>There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup>If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.” Galatians 3:26-29

- **The Temptation to Reject Liberty in Christ in favor of \_\_\_\_\_**  
“So I say, **walk by the Spirit**, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup>For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. <sup>18</sup>But if you are **led by the Spirit**, you are not under the law. Galatians 5:16-18

- **The Temptation to take Liberty in Christ for granted and live a \_\_\_\_\_.**  
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**Notice how “LOVE” is the appropriate response to both Legalism & License!**

“For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. **The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.**” Galatians 5:6

“You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, **serve one another humbly in love.**” Galatians 5:13

#### Conclusion: What is the Fruit of the Spirit?

But the **fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup>gentleness and self-control**. Against such things there is no law. <sup>24</sup>Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup>**Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.** Galatians 5:22-25

All Scriptures are from the New International Version Bible. You may comment or ask Bro. Tony questions about this message at: brotony@itawambachristianchurch.org