

Galatians 5

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As the seed is sown in the field, so is seed sown in the heart and will eventually bring forth its fruit according to verse 22. Every farmer has his problem with weeds. There is a similarity with a person's life style, as described in verses 19-21 and the labors of the farmer. Devastating results have followed those who have abused themselves and broken the laws of God to, ultimately face the consequences of what he has sown. The good seed brings "life", while the "weeds" bring death. Ever so many have their name in the obituary column while still in their early adulthood because they have lived on the fast lane. It is a grief to homes and society when so many talented young people have already expired because of their life style.

Our attention is given to the fruit of the Spirit as related in verses 22 and 23. Having farmed, it was plowing before seeding. The soil must be broken and the weeds laid on the surface to face the sun to destroy the fertility. In similar ways, God breaks up the heart, and fallows the soil as our sin is exposed to the "Son"... This is why so many dear souls are brought to the place of despair before there is the cry for God to show His mercy and salvation. The fruit of the Spirit comes after the brokenness of the heart the will and sometimes the body of the individual before we heed and experience the presence of Christ. John uses the term, "born again", which is not of self-reformation but "reckoned" (Romans 6:11) dead to sin, and having embraced Christ's imputed righteousness for one's salvation (I John 2: 1,2).

The steps that brings one to Spirit fullness are; A) exercising repentance toward God (Acts 20:21); B) embracing salvation through faith in the finished work of Christ on the cross (Eph. 2:8, 9); C) total consecration (Romans 12:1, 2); D) full appropriation (Luke 11:13); E) expression of gratitude (Romans 5:2; Luke 6:23).

The "new nature" (II Cor. 5:17) of he who has been redeemed through the crucifixion of the flesh (v. 24) will begin to be evident. How many are not "trying" when they should be "trusting". Be made aware that Jesus said on the cross, "It is finished", where-by He informs us that the battle against Satan, the world and the self-life (I John

2: 15- 17) is completed. Live in consecration to Christ as related in Romans 8:1, 2. It is not for a believer to “suppress” sin as much as it is to “posses” Christ as the Victor. Your battles have been, and are being fought by the lord Jesus Christ so that the believer may live in the constant fruit of the Spirit.

Prayer: Dear God, I come to thee in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, who I have received as my personal Savior and submit myself wholly to Thee to live Thy life through me that the fruit of the Holy Spirit of God may evident in me, for Thy glory. Amen.

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