



*Week Five:*  
GRACE THAT BEARS FRUIT  
*Sermon Seeds*

SUNDAY MAY 26, 2019

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## KEY VERSES

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*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against things like this. — Galatians 5:22-23 (CEB)*

## SUGGESTED VERSES FOR WORSHIP

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*Galatians 5:5-6, 22-26*

## KEY CONCEPT

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To use our freedom to live by the Spirit, loving one another and bearing the fruit of love in all aspects of our lives.

## SERMON HELPS

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These passages in Galatians lift up three ways that the Holy Spirit works within us leading us to live a life of grace that bears fruit.

*Live in the freedom the Spirit gives.*

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- Speak to the tension between living in the Spirit versus living in the law.
- Define Biblical freedom – no longer being held captive, not just freedom from but freedom for.
- “For through the Spirit, by faith, we eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness” (vs. 5). By this statement we know that freedom in the Spirit does not mean freedom to do as we please, but freedom by the Spirit to be what God created us to be and redeemed us to be.
- Freedom is not for self-indulgence but for self-giving love for others.

*Personal Connection/Illustration*

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What does freedom in the spirit look like in your life and in your church?

## *Follow the Path of the Spirit.*

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- Live by the Spirit (vs. 16) - the positive following of the Spirit directs us to refuse the desires of the flesh.
- Be led by the Spirit (vs.18) and be guided by the Spirit (vs.25) seems to speak of specific choices, taking deliberate steps to keep in step with the spirit.
- Transformation comes through the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

## *Personal Connection/Illustration*

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Mahatma Gandhi is quoted as saying: “Your beliefs become your thoughts, Your thoughts become your words, Your words become your actions, Your actions become your habits, Your habits become your values, Your values become your destiny.”

## *Bear the Fruit of the Spirit.*

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- The Spirit is tied to the faith, hope (vs. 5) and love (vs.22) expressed in this chapter.
- Love is listed as the first fruit of the Spirit. It is the fruit that gives expression to the other fruits listed.
- This (joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control) is what Christian love looks like. This is the way it behaves.

## *Personal Connection/Illustration*

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How do the Fruits of the Spirit move from being listed in the Bible to actions of the Spirit in you and in your church? Give examples of how the Fruits of the Spirit brought transformation in your life or those around you.

## *Theological Connection*

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Sanctifying Grace through the power and indwelling of the Holy Spirit we are transformed and renewed to bear fruit for the Kingdom of God.

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