

Sermon Notes

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Title: The Fruit of Faithfulness

Text: Galatians 5:16-23

- We witness and experience the love of God who has loved us with an everlasting love.
- The peace of God
- The patience and kindness of God
- The gentleness of God
- The meekness of God
- In salvation every follower of Jesus begins to partake in the divine nature allowing him, through the power of God at work in him through the indwelling power of the Holy Spirit, to produce some of the manifestations of God's divine nature.
- Many look at the menu of items on the list of spiritual fruit and say, "How is that ever going to happen in my life?" Here is how. Jesus has given everyone of His disciples His glory (partaking of the divine nature) so we can exhibit or reproduce these attributes of God in our life.
- Every fruit of the Spirit, every quality that the Spirit is seeking to brew in our life, is provided the opportunity to shine in the face of its negative opposite.
 - Faithfulness is tested in the presence of unfaithfulness.
 - Trustworthiness shines in the presence of and opportunity to be untrustworthy.
 - Jeremiah is an example of being tested by the opportunity to be unfaithful, but remained faithful to God and His calling in life.
 - Four reasons why it is difficult to be faithful
 - 1) Loneliness
 - 2) Discomfort
 - 3) Conflict
 - 4) Rejection
- The enemy at work in our culture is putting before the disciples of Jesus some strong opposition to our being faithful.