

BELIEVE
"Be Like Jesus"
Kindness/Goodness

INTRODUCTION:

1. Galatians 5:16

- a) *"But I say, walk in the Spirit and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh"*
 - a) *"gratify"* - means to afford pleasure to fulfill.

2. The believer cannot walk independently of God and the Holy Spirit and fulfill God's plan for his life...**IMPOSSIBLE**.

3. Ephesians 5:18

- a) *"Be filled"* - command
 - 1) Means to be under the influence.

4. Colossians 3:16

5. Galatians 5:16-25

REVIEW: "Believe - Be Like Jesus" 10 weeks of the Fruit of the Spirit

a) **Week 1 - "Love"**

- 1) *"agape"* - selfless and sacrificial

b) **Week 2 - "Joy"**

- 1) Joy is the deep down sense of well-being that abides in the heart of the person who knows all is well between himself and the Lord.

c) **Week 3 - "Peace"**

- 1) Peace is tranquility of the soul.
- 2) **John 14:27**
- 3) This is a settled peace that affects the circumstances of life.

d) **Week 4 - "Patience"**

- a) Patience is a **self-restraint of the mind** before it gives room to action or passion.
- b) It describes a person who has the **power to avenge himself**...yet refrains from the exercise of this power.

I. WALKING IN THE SPIRIT IS GOD'S PLAN (3 Reasons Why?)

A. IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO DO SO OURSELVES

1. **Matthew 5:48**

2. Perfection is what God requires!!!

3. **John 13:34**

4. **1 John 2:5-6**

5. **THEREFORE:** It is God Himself living in the believer in the person of the Holy Spirit that give the ability to attain that standard.

B. BECAUSE OF OUR ENEMY

1. **2 Peter 1:3-4**

2. We are no match for Satan in our own strength.

3. **Ephesians 6:10ff**

4. **James 4:7ff**

a) "**submit**" - to place under, to be subordinate

5. **Jude 9**

6. **1 John 4:4**

C. BECAUSE OF THE POWER OF OUR SINFUL FLESH

1. **Romans 7:18-23**

2. The flesh is powerful.

3. **Galatians 5:17**

4. **Romans 3:19-20**

5. **Matthew 26:41**

6. The only way to fulfill God's plan in our lives is to "**walk in the Spirit.**"

7. **Matthew 28:19-20**

8. **Colossians 3:16 WOW!!!**

9. *Matthew 16:13-19a*

II. THE FRUIT OF KINDNESS

A. THE LORD'S EXAMPLE

1. *Matthew 19:13-14*

2. *Matthew 11:28-30*

3. Kindness is the ability to serve others practically in a way which makes me vulnerable, which comes from having a deep inner security.

B. THE BELIEVER'S KINDNESS

1. *2 Timothy 2:22-26*

2. *2 Corinthians 6:3-7a*

3. The opposite of kindness is envy, which leaves me vulnerable to rejoice in another's joy.

4. The flesh can fake kindness with manipulative "**good deeds.**"

5. It's doing good for others so I can congratulate myself and feel that I am good enough for God and for others.

III. THE FRUIT OF GOODNESS

A. THE GOODNESS OF GOD

1. *Psalm 23:6*

2. *Psalm 27:13*

3. *Matthew 19:16-22*

4. *Psalm 34:8*

a) "*Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good*"

5. The Fruit that God produces is good!!!! "**Taste and see**"

B. THE BELIEVER'S GOODNESS

1. *Galatians 5:22*

2. As with every manifestation of the Spirit in the believer's life we are commanded to exemplify Goodness.

3. *Galatians 6:10*

4. *2 Thessalonians 1:11-12*