

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT



Fruit *of* *the* Spirit

evidence that God is at work in your life

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- **Galatians 5:22-23** — *“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.”*

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- God the Father wants to transmit and impart **9 specific elements** of the fruit of the Holy Spirit up into our personalities

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- God wants all of us to enter into a true sanctification process with Him so that He can begin the process of molding, shaping, and transforming us into the express image of His Son Jesus Christ

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LOVE

Galatians 5:22-25



LOVE

“A strong feeling of affection”

GREEK WORDS FOR LOVE

- **STORGE** – “*affection especially of parents and children*” – parental love, love towards own children
- **EROS** – “*intimate love, mostly through sexual attraction*” – sexual attraction – This word is not used in the Bible

GREEK WORDS FOR LOVE

- **PHILIA** – “*affection, regard, friendship, mostly among equals*” – brotherly love between family members, friends, community

GREEK WORDS FOR LOVE

- **AGAPE** — “*the love of God for man and of man for God*” —
Divine affection

LOVE

- Is the first element of the “*Fruit of the Spirit*”
- It is appropriate as “*Love*” encompasses all the other 8 elements

LOVE

- Cannot have “*joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.*” without “*Love*”

LOVE

- “**Love**” as a fruit of the Spirit is a verb like “**faith**”
- It is an action based on inward belief/feeling
- “**I love you**” without appropriate action/s is meaningless

(1) LOVE IS SACRED

- **1 John 4:7** — *“Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.”*

(2) LOVE IS SELFLESS

- **Philippians 2:1-3** – *“Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy*

(2) LOVE IS SELFLESS

- **Philippians 2:1-3** — *“complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves,”*

(2) LOVE IS SELFLESS

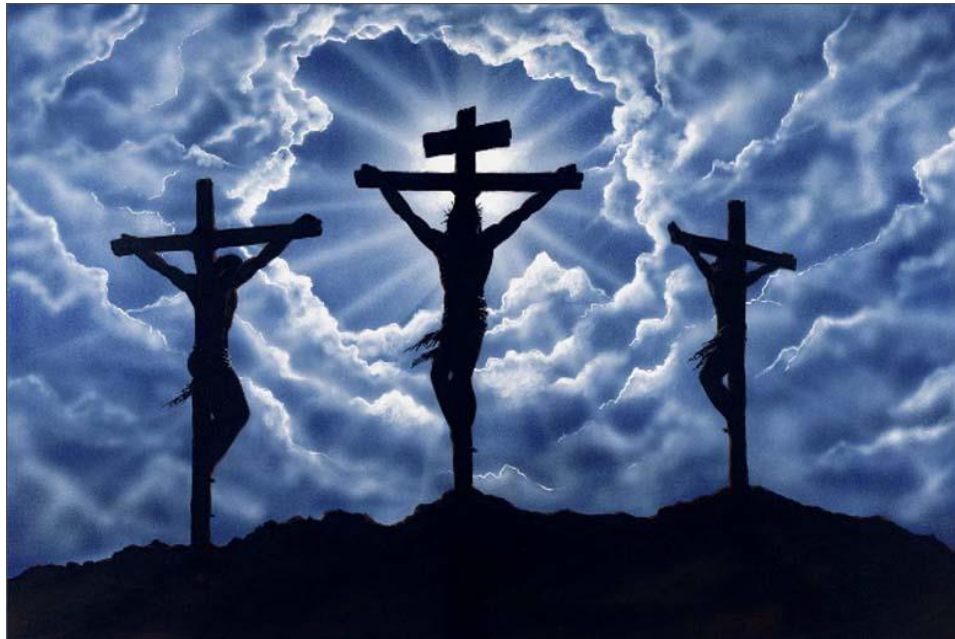
- We come out of the womb entirely self absorbed, egocentric, existing to get our needs met
- But the “**love**” God wants us to practice is “**selfless**” i.e. the love that washed the feet of disciples

(3) LOVE IS SACRIFICIAL

- **Ephesians 5:25** — *“Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her”*
- **Romans 8:5** — *“But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”*

(3) LOVE IS SACRIFICIAL

- Love always requires sacrifice
- John 15:13 – “*Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.*”



(4) LOVE IS SUPPORTIVE

- **James 2:15-16** – *“Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,” but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it?”*

(4) LOVE IS SUPPORTIVE

- **The Philippian and Thessalonian Churches**
- Love is always alert to the needs of others



(5) LOVE IS SOOTHING

- **I Corinthians 13:4** – “*Love is patient, love is kind*”
- Life is hard and we often require a place to rest



(5) LOVE IS SOOTHING

- Love comforts us when we are struggling
- The opposite of this is “*judgment and criticism*”



(6) LOVE IS SINCERE

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- **1 Peter 1:22** — *“Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have **sincere** love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart.”*

(6) LOVE IS SINCERE

- **Sincere** – “*sans ceruman*”
without wax



(7) LOVE IS STUBBORN

- **I Corinthians 13:7** – *“It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.”*
- **Psalms 118:1** – *“Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.”*

(7) LOVE IS STUBBORN

- Basically love never gives up on anybody, no matter what they do, no matter what we feel



(8) LOVE IS SUPREME

- **I Corinthians 13:13** – *“And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.”*

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- **Matthew 22:37-39** — ***“Jesus replied: ‘‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’’’***

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