

## INTRODUCTION.

- A. Scripture text: **Galatians 5:16-25**.
- B. This lesson begins a study of the Fruit of the Spirit. We will look at a different attribute on consecutive Sunday mornings and Sunday nights through the end of this calendar year.
- C. Since our bodies are temples of the HS we shall look at how we need to make manifest those qualities in harmony with the Spirit's will (Rom. 8:9-11; 1Cor. 6:19).  
**(Rom 8:9-11)** However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him. **10** If Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, yet the spirit is alive because of righteousness. **11** But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.  
**(1Cor 6:19)** Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?
- D. There is no difference in being led by the Spirit and:
  - 1. Putting to death the old man of sin (see Col. 3:1-14).
  - 2. Bearing the fruit of the Spirit (Rom. 8:4).  
so that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.
- F. In Gal. 5, Paul speaks of the fruit (singular) of the Spirit, not the fruits of the Spirit. To only bear one of the qualities is not to bear the fruit of the Spirit. All must be evident to some degree in the life of a Xian. Therefore, all will be studied.
- G. The fruit of the Spirit contains certain moral and spiritual qualities which are in striking contrast to the works of the flesh (Gal. 5:19-23).  
Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality, **20** idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, **21** envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you, just as I have forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. **22** But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, **23** gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.
- H. The fruit of the Spirit must not be confused with the gifts of Spirit (1Cor. 12:7).  
But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.  
In the Corinthians' passage the miraculous is under consideration, not so in Galatians. The miraculous gifts of the HS were inferior to and brief in duration as compared to the fruit of the Spirit. Furthermore, the fruit of the HS is to be manifest in all Xians while the gifts were only to be enjoyed by a few, and not everyone who had the gifts had all the gifts.

## I. THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT: LOVE.

- A. The Bible speaks of love for God but also love of the Spirit (Rom. 15:30).  
Now I urge you, brethren, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to strive together with me in your prayers to God for me,
- B. The passage does not specify has to whether Paul was speaking about love for God or love for man. Both are applicable (1Jn. 4:19-21; 5:2-3).  
**(1Jn 4:19-21)** We love, because He first loved us. **20** If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for the one who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen. **21** And this commandment we have from Him, that the one who loves God should love his brother also.  
**(1Jn 5:2-3)** By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and observe His commandments. **3** For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome.
- C. Love is more than an emotion, because love is commanded. Emotions are more spontaneous in nature and are usually in reaction to an outside stimuli. Agape love has to do with the will of man.
- D. The greatest example of love is seen in God through JC (Rom. 5:6-11).  
For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. **7** For one will hardly die for a

righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die. **8** But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. **9** Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. **10** For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. **11** And not only this, but we also exult in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

- E. There are several words in the Greek which are translated into the word love. They are:
  - 1. *Erao* (eros) -- passionate, erotic love.
  - 2. *Storge* -- natural love as by a people for a king, a dog for its master.
  - 3. *Phileo* -- friendship love including hospitality, concern and care.
  - 4. *Agape* -- self-sacrificing all giving unselfish love to others.
- F. Love is expressed three ways (that is in three different relationships):
  - 1. Love for God.
  - 2. Love for others.
  - 3. Love for self.

## II. THE THREE RELATIONSHIPS OF LOVE.

### A. Love for God (Mk. 12:29-31).

Jesus answered, "The foremost is, 'HEAR, O ISRAEL! THE LORD OUR GOD IS ONE LORD; **30** AND YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH.' **31** "The second is this, 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

The greatest commandment is to love God with all our being. There are four parts:

- 1. The heart -- the seat of the will and emotions.
- 2. The soul -- the real you, the most valuable part of man.
- 3. The mind -- the decision maker, input and output function.
- 4. The strength -- the physical body, our house of the soul.

### B. Love for one another (Jn. 13:34-35).

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. **35** "By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

This is the second commandment (Mk. 12:31). A new commandment is given us. If the world can't understand our doctrine, they will understand love. The golden rule applies (Mt. 7:21). We are to fulfill the law and owe no man anything except love (Rom. 13:8-10).

### C. Love for self (Mt. 22:39).

"The second is like it, 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.' "

We must learn to live with and love ourselves (self-image). We are lovable because we have been made in God's image. By loving self in this way, we are not selfish or conceited (see Mk. 12:31).

## III. SOME GREAT PASSAGES ON LOVE.

### A. There are passages in both the, Old and New Testaments that tell of the three great relationships and how we are to live and love in each of them. Look at the following:

#### B. Micah 6:8.

He has told you, O man, what is good; And what does the LORD require of you But to do justice, to love kindness, And to walk humbly with your God?

- 1. To do justice... (self).
- 2. To love kindness... (others).
- 3. To walk humbly with God... (God).

#### C. Matthew 23:23.

"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cummin, and have neglected the weightier provisions of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness; but these are the things you should have done without neglecting the others."

- 1. Justice... (self).

2. Mercy... (others).
  3. Faithfulness... (God).
- D. Mark 12:29-31.  
 Jesus answered, "The foremost is, 'HEAR, O ISRAEL! THE LORD OUR GOD IS ONE LORD; **30** AND YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH.' **31** The second is this, 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.' There is no other commandment greater than these."
1. Love God... (God).
  2. Love your neighbor... (others).
  3. Love yourself... (self).
- E. James 1:27.  
 This is pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our God and Father, to visit orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.
1. Pure and undefiled religion... (God).
  2. Visit orphans and widows... (others).
  3. Keep unspotted from the world... (self).

## CONCLUSION AND INVITATION.

- A. We are to love God and the HS. And love is more than an emotion. Because it is commanded, love involves the will of man.
- B. Four Greek words are translated love; *eros*, *storge*, *phileo*, and *agape*.
- C. Love is to be expressed three ways:
  1. Love for God.
  2. Love for others.
  3. Love for self.
- D. You may be wondering why I did not preach on 1Cor. 13:4-8. I will preach on that passage in a series of sermons in January, 2001.
- E. Plan of salvation for non-Xians; erring Xians.