

Woodland Baptist Church
Morning Worship - October 14, 2012
Galatians 5:16-26 Fruit of the Spirit, Part 2

1. Galatians 5:16-26

- a. **EVIDENCE of WALKING in the Spirit**
- b. **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. 24 And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.**

2. Scholarship sees three categories here:

- i. Dispositions of the mind - love, joy, peace
- ii. Qualities affecting human relationships - patience, kindness, goodness
- iii. Principles that guide conduct - faithfulness, gentleness and self control
- b. This morning we will expound on _____ LOVE
- i. "It has often been said that love is the circulatory system of the body of Christ." *Warren Wiersbe*

3. Remember what Paul said already in his letter to the Galatians:

- a. **Galatians 5:14** - 14 For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall *love your neighbor as yourself.*"

4. Four Greek forms of love in Scripture - filia, eros, agape, storge

- a. **filia, storge** - warm, intimate friendship, brotherly love, family love
- b. **eros** - physical love between sexes.
- c. **agape** - self sacrificial love exemplified by _____ on the cross.

5. The Most Excellent Way - 1 Corinthians 12:31 - 13

a. 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13

- i. Love IS patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant 5 or rude.**
- i. Patient (attitude) [makrothumeo] to demonstrate patience despite _____.
- ii. kind (action) [chresteuomai] to provide something beneficial for someone as an act of kindness
- ii. Love IS NOT envious, boastful, arrogant or rude**
- i. Envious [zeloo] a grudging regard for the advantages seen to be enjoyed by others - strong desire to have someone else has.
- ii. Boastful [perpereuomai] talk with _____ pride and self-satisfaction about ones self; to brag.
- iii. Arrogant [physioo] having an exaggerated sense of one's own importance or abilities; haughtiness.

- iv. Rude [aschemoneo] offensively impolite or ill mannered; to act in defiance of social and moral standards, with resulting disgrace, embarrassment and shame.

iii. Love DOES NOT insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; 6 it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth.

- i. Insist on its own way [zeteo] state _____ without accepting refusal or contradiction; Mark 8:11 - miracle
- ii. Irritable or resentful [paroxyno] annoyed or angered; [logizomai] feeling or expressing bitterness or indignation
- iii. Rejoice at wrongdoing [adikia] unrighteousness; unjust deeds;

iv. Love DOES

- i. Rejoice with the truth [aletheia] the content of that which is true and thus in accordance with what really happened.

v. 7 Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. [Hyperbole - exaggerations to make a point]

- i. All things = acceptable in God's righteousness and will, of everything within the Lord's divine tolerance.
- ii. Bears all things [stego] to cover/carry; protect; love bears all things by _____ others from exposure, ridicule or harm; even when a sin is certain, love tries to correct it with the least possible hurt and harm to the guilty person; love does not expose, exploit, gloat or condemn. It bears, not bares.
- iii. Believes all things [pisteuo] believe/trust; love is not _____ or cynical; it believes in the best outcome for the one who has done the wrong; if there is a question about guilt or motivation, love will always opt for the most favorable possibility; if the person turns out to be guilty, love will give credit for the best motive.
- iv. Hopes all things [elpizo] to hope/expect - when belief in a loved one's goodness or repentance is _____, love still hopes; as long as their is life, love does not lose hope.
- v. Endures all things [hypmeno] military term used of an army's holding a vital position at all costs. Every hardship and suffering was to be _____ in order to hold fast; to remain/stay/hold out.

- vi. Love bears what otherwise is unbearable; it believes what otherwise is unbelievable; it hopes in what otherwise is hopeless; and it endures when anything less than love would give up. After love bears it believes, after it believes it hopes, after it hopes it endures.

b. 24 And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.