

Woodland Baptist Church
Morning Worship - October 28, 2012
Galatians 5:16-26 Fruit of the Spirit, Peace

1. Galatians 5:16-26

- a. **EVIDENCE of WALKING in the Spirit**
- b. **22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, 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 _____.
- c. Original languages:
- i. Old Testament - Shalom/New Testament - irenea

3. What does the word Peace, mean, biblically?

- a. The Hebrew word shalom and its derivatives have been said to represent “one of the most prominent theological concepts in the OT.” (The word group occurs about 180 times in the OT.) It was not a negative or passive concept but involved _____ and completeness.
- b. The related verb could mean to “repay” or “fulfill a vow” and so referred to completing or repairing a _____. A related adjective could be used to describe something as “uninjured, safe, complete, peaceable.”
- c. In view of this, it is not surprising that the term **shalom** is so often associated with the **Davidic covenant** and the prophetic promises of a coming messianic kingdom.
- d. The salvation of the Lord, spoken of so often in the OT, essentially amounts to a bringing of peace (1 Kings 2:33—“for David, his descendants, his house, and his throne, there will be peace forever from the Lord”; Isa. 9:7—“Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David’s throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever”).
- e. That peace will be the result of God’s coming and ruling in righteousness (Isa. 32:17; 60:17).

- f. The term translated “peace” in the NT is **eirene** [ear rain nay]. It occurs in every NT book except 1 John (most frequently in Luke, 14 times; followed by Rom. 10; then Eph. 8).
- i. Like shalom, the term in the NT could refer not only to the _____ of hostility, strife, and disorder (1 Cor. 14:33) but also to the condition and sense of being safe and secure (Acts 9:31).
- ii. Christ’s use of peace
- a) Christ made peace between believing Jew and Gentile by making them into _____ new man in Him (Eph. 2:14–15). The term could also describe a state of either physical or spiritual well-being.
- iii. Christ and Paul’s use
- a) When Jesus used it as a blessing (Luke 24:36; John 14:27; 16:33; 20:19, 21, 26; cp. Col. 3:15) and the Apostle Paul used it at the beginning of his letters, they referred to more than a sense of _____ in God.
- i) The term brought to mind:
- 1) All that Christ would do or had done through the cross and the resurrection to end the _____ of sin and to make peace between God and man (Rom. 5:1; Col. 1:20).
- 2) Peace and Unity between all who are in Christ (2 Cor. 13:11; Eph. 4:3).
- 3) Create a state of being spiritually _____ again (Rom. 14:17; Gal. 5:22).
- ii. Other Definitions
- i) The gospel message is called “the gospel of peace” (Eph. 6:15).
- ii) The _____ cannot achieve or provide peace (Jer. 6:14; John 14:27; 1 Thess. 3:5) because it cannot deal with the problem of sin.
- iii) Thus God’s peace that guards the Christian’s heart and mind “surpasses all understanding.” (Phil. 4:7; cp. 2 Thess. 3:16).

4. Scriptures

- a. **John 16:33** - I have said these things to you, that in me you may have **peace**. In the world you will have **tribulation**. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”
- b. **Romans 3:15-17** - “Their feet are swift to shed blood; 16 in their paths are ruin and misery, 17 and the way of peace they have not known.” 18 “There is no fear of God before their eyes.
- c. **Colossians 1:19-20** - For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 20 and through him **to reconcile to himself all things**, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.