



**NO OTHER
GOSPEL**
Stand Firm in Your Freedom



Freed to Bear the Fruit of the Spirit

GALATIANS 5:22–26



STUDY GUIDE

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WELCOME:

Fixing Our Focus

Suggested icebreaker:

Ask GG members if they have any experience cultivating fruit-bearing plants at home. How did they fare? What makes it easy/difficult for them to make the plants bear fruit? Use this to segue into our lesson, where Paul differentiates the works of the flesh from the fruit of the Spirit. Unlike works that are accomplished through effort, fruits can only develop because of the vitality of the plant's life.

WORSHIP:

Adoring Our God

Suggested song:

[Oh, How Good It Is](#)

WORD & WALK:

Understanding & Applying the Word

LESSON AIM

1. GG members will appropriate for themselves the truth that God gave them victory over temptation and sin through their participation in Christ's death and resurrection.
2. GG members will thank God that it is not up to them, but through the Holy Spirit that God indwells in them, to bear the fruit of the Spirit.
3. GG members will commit to walking alongside the Holy Spirit so that they may bear the fruit of the Spirit.

INTRODUCTION

Paul ended this chapter by contrasting the fruit of the Spirit with the works of the flesh. Those who are in Christ have the Holy Spirit dwelling in them. Thus, through the Holy Spirit, they can produce the fruit of the Spirit, enabling them to love God and one another.

Those who walk by the Spirit produce the fruit of the Spirit (vv. 22-26)

Paul revealed the reason why believers, though they have been freed from the law, do not fall into licentiousness. God has not just freed them from the law, but He also sent the Holy Spirit to indwell them, enabling them to live in accordance with God's will.

1. According to Paul, whose fruit is mentioned in verses 22-23? What does this tell you about the source of these character traits? (cf. John 15:1-8)
2. Why do you think there are no laws against these? (cf. Romans 13:8; Galatians 5:14)
3. What does the bible teach regarding the sinful desires of believers? (cf. Romans 6:1-8; Galatians 2:20) How can you make this true in your own life?
4. How did Paul describe living by the Spirit? In what ways do we either walk ahead of the Spirit or lag behind the Spirit in our everyday lives?
5. What should we, as believers, avoid, especially in our interactions with one another? (cf. Galatians 5:15)

APPLICATION

God has lavishly given us all we need to live a holy and blameless life (Ephesians 1:3-4). Christ has perfectly fulfilled the law in our place and offers His sinless life for our appropriation. The Holy Spirit lives in us and empowers us to live according to God's will. How can we, as a community of faith, live by faith so that these truths are manifest in our lives?

WORD & WALK:

Understanding & Applying the Word

PRAYER ITEM

Father God, thank You for giving me everything I need to live a life pleasing to You. Thank You for sending Jesus Christ to redeem me from sin and death. Thank You for sending the Holy Spirit to dwell in me, to guide and lead me. I have received **all** spiritual blessings from You, that I might be holy and blameless in Your sight. Grant me faith to believe these truths and act accordingly, all for the glory of Your name. Amen. ■

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