

The Fruit from the Spirit

Peace

- I. The Fruit from the Spirit (Gal. 5:22-23).
 1. One fruit, nine facets, a divine enabling, all rational, not emotional ‘feelings’.
 2. Love the overarching facet.
 - 1) The New Commandment (Jn. 13:34).
 - 2) Seen in work, deed (1 Jn. 3:18).
 3. Joy, not happiness, is seen in accept in all circumstances (Col. 1:24).
- II. The facet of peace contrasted to other types of peace.
 1. Not the peace that the world ‘gives’ (Jn. 14:27; 1 Thes. 5:3).
 2. Different from the peace with God (Rom. 5:1).
 - 1) The Gospel of peace (Rom. 10:15; Eph. 6:15).
 - 2) No more hostility toward God (2 Cor. 5:19).
 3. Not an agitated mind, not cowardly, nor confusion (Jn. 14:27; 16:23; 1 Cor. 14:33).
 4. Not given to carnal Christians (Rom. 8:6; Gal. 6:16).
- III. Peace from the Spirit in the Christian’s heart (Gal. 5:22).
 1. **Peace is an unruffled mind. It is an inner overriding tranquility of rationale; it is not emotional.**
 2. Peace brings unity with other Christians (Eph. 4:3).
 3. Peace rules the heart—including emotions (Col. 3:15).
 4. Peace is ultimately given from the Head (2 Thes. 3:16).
 5. Christians are to pursue peace—keep spiritual family relationship in order (1 Pet. 3:11).
 6. Peace and grace are generally neglected by Christendom (Rev. 1:4).
- IV. Instruction on how to use peace (Phil. 4:4-7).
 1. Use joy regarding circumstances (v. 4).
 2. Have the Rapture both ‘imminent’ and ‘eminent’ in your mind (v. 5).
 3. Remember God’s role in your life—“stop being anxious about one thing” (v. 6).
 4. Communicate with the Father (v. 6).
 5. Then peace will guard your heart (a heart consists of *mind* Mk. 2:8; *will* 2 Cor. 9:7; *emotion* Jn. 14:1).
 6. Peace will guard the results of your mind (v. 7).