

PERSONAL STUDY**Galatians 5:1-12**

Your first option for a Personal Study this week is to use one of the *Inductive Study Method* sheets from your packet to study Galatians 5:1-12 on your own. So take some time to do that and then return to this study to unpack more of Galatians 5.

The Fruit of the Spirit

But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things! – Galatians 5:22-23

During our final session together next week, we will look at what it means to have the Holy Spirit working in our lives, producing fruit. This week's study will help lay a foundation for that by providing you an opportunity to dig into the meaning behind the qualities Paul lists in verses 22 and 23.

How would you define these terms?

Without looking anything up, write down your own definition of the following terms:

Love –

Joy –

Peace –

Patience –

Kindness –

Goodness –

Faithfulness –

Gentleness –

Self-control –

How does the dictionary define these terms?

Now pull out a dictionary or hop online (*try merriam-webster.com, dictionary.com, or Google*) to find the actual definitions of these words:

Love –

Joy –

Peace –

Patience –

Kindness –

Goodness –

Faithfulness –

Gentleness –

Self-control –

What does the Bible say about these terms?

Using your Bible's concordance or index (or an online Bible resource like biblegateway.com, biblehub.com, or blueletterbible.com), look up the terms and read several verses for each. Based on the verses and their context, write down definitions, qualities, or characteristics of each word.

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Joy –

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Reflect

Now spend some time reflecting on the fruit that the Spirit produces. Feel free to jot down any thoughts you have about what you've learned. After you've finished processing, spend some time in prayer.

Here are some questions to help guide your time of reflection:

How did your understanding expand based on your research and reading?

Which fruit are the easiest for you to understand?

Which are the hardest?

Which fruit do you see in your life?

Which ones do you struggle with the most?

What questions do you still have?

What are you hoping to learn about the Holy Spirit at work in us during our next session?