

The Fruit of the Spirit is – JOY!

Text: **Galatians 5:22-23** (ESV)*

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Introduction

A. Last Sunday: “The Fruit of the Spirit is LOVE”

- 1) The Priority or Preeminence of Love
- 2) The Practice of Love
- 3) The Permanence of Love

B. Today: “The Fruit of the Spirit is JOY!”

Gal. 5:16-25, ESV

1 Thess. 1:6

Rom. 14:17

I. God’s Joy is Ours Through _____ & Relationship

A) Personal joy at salvation

1 Pet. 1:3-9

Acts 16:34

Luke 10:20

B) Corporate joy at the salvation of others

Luke 15:5-6

Acts 8:8

Luke 2:10

C) Heavenly joy at the salvation of the lost

Luke 15:7

II. God’s Joy _____ Us Through Hardship & Trials

A) Trials and tribulations

Rom. 5:3-4, ESV

James 1:2-4

Neh. 8:10

- The example of Frank E.

B) Persecution

Luke 6:22-23

Acts 5:41

Heb. 12:2-3, NLT

C) Joy is a choice to avail ourselves of what God has provided

Ps. 118:24, KJV

Acts 16:25

Phil. 4:4

III. God's Joy is by Our Sin

**Ps. 32:3-4
Ps. 51:11-12
1 John 1:9**

IV. God's Joy is by His Promise

Jude 24-25

Recommended reading, available at Christianbook.com:

- *The Fruitful Life: The Overflow of God's Love Through You* by Jerry Bridges
- *The Fruit of the Spirit: Becoming the Person God Wants You to Be*
by Thomas E. Trask & Wayde I. Goodall
- *Living in the Spirit: Drawing Us to God, Sending Us to the World*
by George O. Wood

* All scripture references are New International Version (NIV) unless otherwise noted