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#### **Scripture Study**

#### **Galatians 5:13-26**

13 For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another. (KJV)

14 For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. (KJV)

15 But if you bite and devour one another [in partisan strife], be careful that you [and your whole fellowship] are not consumed by one another. (AMP)

16 But I say, walk and live [habitually] in the [Holy] Spirit, [responsive to and controlled and guided by the Spirit]; then you will certainly not gratify the cravings and desires of the flesh (of human nature without God). (AMP)

17 For the desires of the flesh are opposed to the [Holy] Spirit and the [desires of the] Spirit are opposed to the flesh (godless human nature); for these are antagonistic to each other [continually withstanding and in conflict with each other], so that you are not free but are prevented from doing what you desire to do. (AMP)

18 But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law. (KJV)

19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, (KJV)

20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, (KJV)

21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. (KJV)

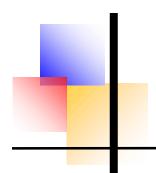
22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. (KJV)

24 And those who belong to Christ Jesus (the messiah) have crucified the flesh (the godless human nature) with its passions and appetites and desires. (AMP)

25 If we live by the [Holy] Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit, [If by the Holy Spirit we have our life in God, let us go forward walking in line, our conduct controlled by the Spirit.] (AMP)

26 Let us not become vainglorious and self-conceited, competitive and challenging and provoking and irritating to one another, envying and being jealous of one another. (AMP)



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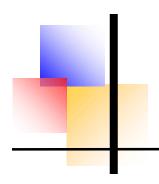
As we approach closer to the day of the Lord there will be a separation of the true from the false. Those with ears to hear what is pleasing to their flesh will be deceived by seducing spirits and doctrines of devils into believing a lie and will be damned. Others will be deceived because they love themselves and their sin more than God, and some because they lost their first love and became lukewarm. There will also be false prophets working signs and wonders, wolves in sheep's clothing that will deceive many. How will anyone be able to stand, and how can we tell the true from the false? Jesus said in Mt 12:33 you will know them by their fruit. I truly believe unless our own fruit is genuine we cannot identify genuine fruit in others. Being an experienced fruit inspector is the only true way to identify true and false ministers. "And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light." (2 Cor 11:14) The works of the flesh must be removed at all cost and allow God to bring forth much fruit in your life. (Read the extra credit).

#### **Greek Word Studies**

**Flesh** - 4561 sarx (sarx); probably from the base of 4563; flesh (as stripped of the skin), i.e. (strictly) the meat of an animal (as food), or (by extension) the body (as opposed to the soul [or spirit], or as the symbol of what is external, or as the means of kindred), or (by implication) human nature (with its frailties [physically or morally] and passions), or (specifically) a human being.

**Crucified** - 4717 stauroo (stow-ro'-o); from 4716; to impale on the cross; figuratively, to extinguish (subdue) passion or selfishness.

**Emulations** - 2205 zelos (dzay'-los); from 2204; properly, heat, i.e. (figuratively) "zeal" (in a favorable sense, ardor; in an unfavorable one, jealousy, as of a husband [figuratively, of God], or an enemy, malice).



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#### **Bible Definitions**

**Love** - Love is much more than a simple definition. To explain love you would in fact have to explain God for God is love (1 John 1:8; 4:16). To get a deeper insight into the attributes of love study 1 Corinthians 13. The love of God is shed abroad in your heart by the Holy Spirit. When this fruit is developed it will look like 1 Corinthians 13. If it does not then it is not mature. "But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected:" I John 2:55

Joy - Many people confuse joy with happiness. Joy can produce happiness, but there is a vast difference between joy and happiness. Happiness is dependent on the natural circumstance, and resides in your emotions. Joy comes from God and is a spiritual strength that is not dependent on natural circumstances. The joy of the Lord is our strength. The strength of joy will empower you even through the toughest circumstances. It will bring with it endurance and a determination. James said to count it all joy when you fall into tests and trials. Jesus endured the cross because of the joy that was set before Him (Heb 11:2). If it is hard to endure than your joy is not full. "Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full." (John 16:24)

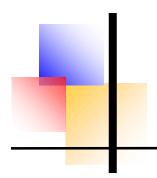
**Peace** - The world wants peace but there is no real peace without the Prince of peace. True peace will repel fear and worry. In the Amplified (Phil 4:7) says this peace will bring contentment and transcends all understanding and shall garrison and mount guard over your heart and mind. "Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord," (2 Peter 1:2). If you lack peace Peter is giving you the solution.

**Faith** - Pistis 4102 Some translations use faithfulness in Gal 5:22 instead of faith. I disagree with this usage. Jesus used this word Pistis 4102 repeatedly when referring to being made whole. He directly connected it with receiving from God. This Pistis comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God (Rom 10:17). In Eph 6 Pistis is the shield that quenches all the fiery darts. You are saved by this Pistis. Jesus looked for this kind of faith every where He went. Real faith actively believes God and will always have corresponding action or works. The fruit of faith is much more than just having the quality of faithfulness.

### **English Word Studies**

**Adultery** - voluntary sexual intercourse between a married person and a partner other than the lawful spouse.

**Envy** - a feeling of discontent and resentment aroused by and in conjunction with desire for the possessions or qualities of another.



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#### **English Word Studies**

**Fornication** - sexual intercourse between partners who are not married to each other.

**Gentleness** - considerate or kindly in disposition; amiable and tender. Not harsh or severe; mild and soft. Easily managed or handled; docile.

**Goodness** - the state or quality of being good. The beneficial or nutritious part.

**Hatred** - intense animosity or hostility.

**Heresy** - an opinion or a doctrine at variance with established religious beliefs, especially dissension from or denial of Roman Catholic dogma by a professed believer or baptized church member. Adherence to such dissenting opinion or doctrine. A controversial or unorthodox opinion or doctrine, as in politics, philosophy, or science. b. Adherence to such controversial or unorthodox opinion.

**Idolatry** - worship of idols. Blind or excessive devotion to something.

Lascivious - given to or expressing lust; lecherous. Exciting sexual desires; salacious.

**Longsuffering** - patiently enduring wrongs or difficulties. meekness. Showing patience and humility; gentle. Easily imposed on; submissive.

**Reveled** - also revelled, reveling revelling.

**Revels** - to take great pleasure or delight. To engage in uproarious festivities; make merry. A boisterous festivity or celebration; merrymaking. Often used in the plural.

**Sedition** - conduct or language inciting rebellion against the authority of a state. Insurrection; rebellion.

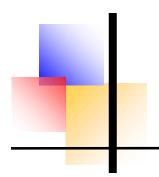
**Strife** - heated, often violent dissension; bitter conflict. A struggle, fight, or quarrel. Contention or competition between rivals. Earnest endeavor or striving.

**Temperance** - moderation and self-restraint, as in behavior or expression.

**Unclean** - foul or dirty. Morally defiled; unchaste. Ceremonially impure.

**Variance** - the act of varying. b. The state or quality of being variant or variable; a variation. A difference between what is expected and what actually occurs. The state or fact of differing or of being in conflict.

**Witchcraft** - magic; sorcery; wicca. A magical or irresistible influence, attraction, or charm. wrath. Forceful, often vindictive anger. Punishment or vengeance as a manifestation of anger.



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### **Study Questions**

1. Did you study all the definitions?
2. Share any insight you received concerning the works of the flesh.
3. Share any insight you received concerning the fruit of the Spirit.
4. If you are led by the Spirit you are not under the dictates of the law. T or F
5. How can we avoid giving into the cravings of the flesh according to Gal 5:16?
6. Complete the following verse. "And those who belong to Christ"
7. To fulfill the Law you must do what?
8. What did God reveal to you as you studied?

### **Extra Blessing**

(Study To Show Yourself Approved Unto God 2 Timothy 2:15)

John Chapter 15