



Calvary
Baptist Church

For the week of:
2/22/26

Home Worship Guide

Fruit of the Spirit: Part 1

Some people say “Fruits” of the Spirit, when it is “Fruit.” You see, the Spirit isn’t broken into these different parts of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. The Holy Spirit in you gives you all of these as a gift of having the Spirit in your heart.

WELCOME

Why should we do a family devotional?

“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.” - Deuteronomy 6:4-8

As long as there have been a “people of God,” the command given to them has always been that they would be instructing their children in the way of the Lord. Scripture expects parents to be the primary disciplers of their children.

But teaching children is more than simply giving rules. It involves showing them HOW to obey the Lord by doing it yourself! These family devotionals are meant to equip you as an individual to grow in your understanding of the Lord and His Word, as well as providing parents with the resources and opportunities to demonstrate for their children what it looks like to pursue God.

How to use this devotional:

This is simply a resource for you to use however works best for your family! Each day there is a selected Scripture reading, devotional, discussion questions, a prayer prompt, and a song to sing together. You may consider splitting parts and having one family member read the Scripture while another reads the devotional and another leads the prayer. Feel free to read additional Scripture as you call to mind passages that relate to what was read. Sing more hymns and songs with your family than the one provided if you feel led to. Use this guide in whatever way helps you and your family draw nearer to the Lord together.

PAST WORSHIP GUIDES

Are you just now learning about these worship guides? Or maybe you were traveling and missed a week. Don't worry! These worship guides are written in a way so that they can be used for years to come.

All of our past worship guides are available on our website. Feel free to scroll and find the one that works for you and your family. The dates simply help you know when they were written, it doesn't mean you only have to read them the week that they were published!

Find those worship guides here:



<https://www.calvaryleavenworth.com/homeworship>

MONDAY

Walk by the Spirit

Read: Galatians 5:16-21

We are commanded to “walk by the Spirit” so that we might “not gratify the desires of the flesh.” One cannot walk in both flesh and the Spirit of God at the same time. One must be walking by one or the other, for we cannot serve 2 masters (Matthew 6:24). We cannot both walk in the holiness of the Spirit and the sinfulness of the flesh. When walking by the Spirit, does this mean that you’ll be completely perfect, without sin? Not at all. But walking in the Spirit is evidenced by a general trajectory of more and more Godliness.

Paul gives a whole list of sins, of which we will not relist here. Sufficed to say, the list is long and pretty exhaustive. At the end of the day, the point is those who live a life that shows a trajectory of more and more sinfulness will not spend eternal life in heaven with God (v21). To live for your flesh through a life of sin is dangerous and puts your very soul in jeopardy. To walk by the Spirit is to have such an outpouring of love for God that your life reflects the very nature of the Holy Spirit.

Walking by the Spirit is a choice that you make daily, not a choice that you make once and then you are done. Walking in the Spirit means waking up each day with the intention to live for God. Your every choice, action, and word from your mouth are aimed toward glorifying our Triune God. Are you doing that? Are you walking by the Spirit or are you gratifying the desires of the flesh? Are you living every day, every moment of your life as if it is all for the glory of God and Him alone? My prayer is that is the aim of all of our lives. Walking in the Spirit is the moment-by-moment worship of God through our lives.

Discussion Questions:

What does “walking by the Spirit” look like in everyday life, not just in spiritual moments?

Pray

Pray that God would teach you how to walk by the Spirit.

Sing

*Breathe on Me,
Breath of God*

BREATHE ON ME, BREATH OF GOD

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love the way you love,
and do what you would do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until with Thee I will one will
to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
till I am wholly Thine,
until this earthly part of me
glows with Thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
so shall I never die,
but live with you the perfect life
for all eternity.



TUESDAY

Love

Read: 1 Cor. 13:8-13; Gal. 5:22-23

Why is Love the greatest between Faith, Hope, and Love? Why does Love never fail? Faith is great. Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. It's even one of the five solas: by faith alone we are saved. We believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and we are saved. Even Hope is a part of Faith as the assurance of things Hoped for. We Hope for Christ's return and expectantly look forward to it. Faith and Hope are great things! Why couldn't they make the cut of being the greatest out of these three great words? Faith and Hope are great contenders for the greatest but they don't quite make it for one big reason: they will eventually pass away.

You see, at some point we will be with Christ. We have Faith that we will be with Him in glory. We Hope for that reality. But once that reality sets in and we are with Christ, there will be no need for either Faith or Hope. Faith fails because once we're with Christ, there is no longer a need for the assurance of things Hoped for or the conviction of things not seen. We will see Christ! Our Faith is made real and there is no need for it! The same with Hope. We Hope for Christ's return but no longer need to once Christ has returned.

If we do all the good on earth but have not love, that good is no good at all. Ladies, allow me to encourage you with the level of impact you can make with your love. I know each of you at church and I know you are each capable of vast levels of love to those around you. Enjoy the opportunity to love others as you can. Romantic love doesn't have a monopoly on being the only way we celebrate loving others. I look forward to seeing how you individually and as a group lean into loving others this year. Love is the thing we get to keep after Christ returns. We have no use for Faith or Hope at that point, but something that we get now and after Christ returns is love. Let's make the most of it.

Discussion Question

Which of the three—Faith, Hope, or Love—do you think Christians emphasize the most? Which do we struggle with the most?

Pray

Pray an expectant prayer for Christ's return.

Sing

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

TURN YOUR EYES UPON JESUS

O soul, are you weary and troubled?
No light in the darkness you see?
There's light for a look at the Savior,
And life more abundant and free.

Chorus:

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,
In the light of His glory and grace.

Through death into life everlasting
He passed, and we follow Him there;
O'er us sin no more hath dominion
For more than conqu'rors we are!

His Word shall not fail you, He promised;
Believe Him and all will be well;
Then go to a world that is dying,
His perfect salvation to tell!



WEDNESDAY

Joy

Read: Phil. 4:4, Neh. 8:10, Gal. 5:22-23

If I am supposed to have joy at all times, why do I get sad sometimes? That's a good question to ask. We do get sad sometimes, and that's ok because we can feel sad and have joy in our hearts at the same time. That's the beauty of joy, actually. When we feel those bad and anxious feelings, it's joy that carries us through tough times because joy is not based upon our circumstances and what is going on in our lives. Our joy comes from having a personal relationship with Christ and, thereby, receiving the Holy Spirit. Through the Holy Spirit we can experience the joy of knowing our hope is found in Christ and not our circumstances. This is why joy is part of the Fruit of the Spirit. We get joy and happiness mixed up all the time, but happiness is based upon our circumstances, while joy is found only in Jesus. This is how we can do as Paul commands in Philippians 4:4, "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice." This is such an important truth, Paul even says it twice. Rejoice, for the Lord is with you!

The verse from Nehemiah encourages us not to "be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength." This is an incredible encouragement to me because I have had some times in which I have grieved. I have moved and had to say goodbye to friends, I have lost people that I love to death, including my own mother. There is a place for grief in life, but at this point in Nehemiah, we come to understand the joy of the Lord brings us out of the pit of despair and into the endless joy of the Lord. Thank God for the joy that He blesses us with, even in the darkest of times.

Discussion Question:

In what practical ways can we lean into the Holy Spirit when anxiety or sadness feels overwhelming?

Pray

Pray that the Lord would remind you of the joy to be found in Christ.

Sing

*Joyful, Joyful
We Adore Thee*

JOYFUL, JOYFUL WE ADORE THEE

Joyful, joyful, we adore You,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before You,
Op'ning to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day!

All Your works with joy surround You,
Earth and heav'n reflect Your rays,
Stars and angels sing around You,
Center of unbroken praise;
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain
Praising You eternally!

Always giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living,
Ocean-depth of happy rest!
Loving Father, Christ our Brother,
Let Your light upon us shine;
Teach us how to love each other,
Lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus,
Which the morning stars began;
God's own love is reigning o'er us,
Joining people hand in hand.
Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife;
Joyful music leads us sunward
In the triumph song of life.



THURSDAY

Peace

Read: John 14:27, Romans 5:1, Gal. 5:22-23

As Jesus prepares the disciples for His eventual departure, He teaches them about how the Holy Spirit will be with them in His absence. As a part of this teaching, we encounter John 14:27 where Jesus promises to leave peace with them. Jesus is preparing the disciples for His eventual words of warning: if they persecuted Jesus that they would also persecute anyone who professed Jesus as their master. But before He gives them that bad news, He starts with the good news.

Although there is a promise of persecution for believers, there is an equal promise of peace that will follow the believer due to the presence of the Holy Spirit. Much like joy, our peace is not wrapped up in our circumstances of life. Even when our life is falling apart, we can experience peace with the Triune God of the universe being the source of our peace at all times.

This is why we need not be troubled or afraid, as God is on our side. There is also a Biblical expectation we work hard to receive that peace. Psalm 24:14 commands us to “seek peace and pursue it.” We do this through a daily walk and relationship with our Savior, who gives us the Holy Spirit of peace.

None of this is worth mentioning without the truth of Romans 5:1. True peace cannot be experienced without having peace with God. We are sinners who are separated from God and, by nature, are enemies of God. There is no peace to be found among unbelievers. The peace that unbelievers experience is solely based upon circumstances and not on deep, abiding peace through the Holy Spirit that occurs regardless of the circumstances. It is a real blessing from Christ that we don't have peace come and go from us but that we can have a constant stream of peace based upon our faith in Christ. More importantly, we're at peace with God.

Discussion Questions:

Can you think of a time when you experienced peace even while things around you were difficult or uncertain?

Pray

Thank God for making peace for us between Him and His children.

Sing

Wonderful Peace

WONDERFUL PEACE

Far away in the depths of my spirit tonight
Rolls a melody sweeter than psalm;
In celestial-like strains it unceasingly falls
O'er my soul like an infinite calm.

Chorus:

Peace, peace! wonderful peace,
Coming down from the Father above,
Sweep over my spirit forever, I pray,
In fathomless billows of love.

I am resting tonight in this wonderful peace,
Resting sweetly in Jesus' control,
For I'm kept from all danger by night and by day,
And His glory is flooding my soul.

Ah! soul, are you here without comfort and rest,
Marching down the rough pathway of time?
Make Jesus your friend ere the shadows grow dark
O accept this sweet peace so sublime!



FRIDAY

Patience

Read: Romans 5:3-5, Psalm 86:15, Gal. 5:22-23

Patience is not something God simply gives us. It is not like God will give us a bag full of patience and we get to use it when we need to be patient. Oh, how I wish it were this way, though! God will allow us to go through hard situations in which we learn what it means to be patient and where we get the unique opportunity to practice patience. How do I know this? Well, in Romans 5:3-5, I see what produces endurance, which is the same Greek word as “patience,” is suffering. So it is only when we have hard times of suffering that patience is produced within us.

But it doesn't stop there. Patience produces character. That doesn't mean patience produces more personality but a personality of substance. This character is Christian character that has been through the hard things of life and proven a real, true, and genuine faith within the believer. Although hard things are difficult, they can make us into the people God is shaping us to be. Thank God for those hard things He's taking you through or allowing you to go through.

The Lord's patience is referred to as “steadfast love” in Psalm 86:15 and many other places.

We thank God for His great mercy and grace that He shows us in our sinfulness. It is because of the great patience of God that He allows us the time we need to come to realize our individual need for a Savior in our lives. He's slow to anger, so that means that when you continue to sin in the same ways, again and again, He is faithful to forgive and give you another opportunity to live a righteous life that glorifies Him. Thank God for His great patience with us!

Discussion Questions:

Why do you think suffering is connected to producing patience?

Pray

Thank God for His patience with you and the hard things He allows you to go through that will make you more like Him.

Sing

Near the Cross

NEAR THE CROSS

Jesus, keep me near the cross,
There a precious fountain;
Free to all, a healing stream,
Flows from Calv'ry's mountain.

Near the cross, a trembling soul,
Love and mercy found me;
There the Bright and Morning Star
Shed His beams around me.

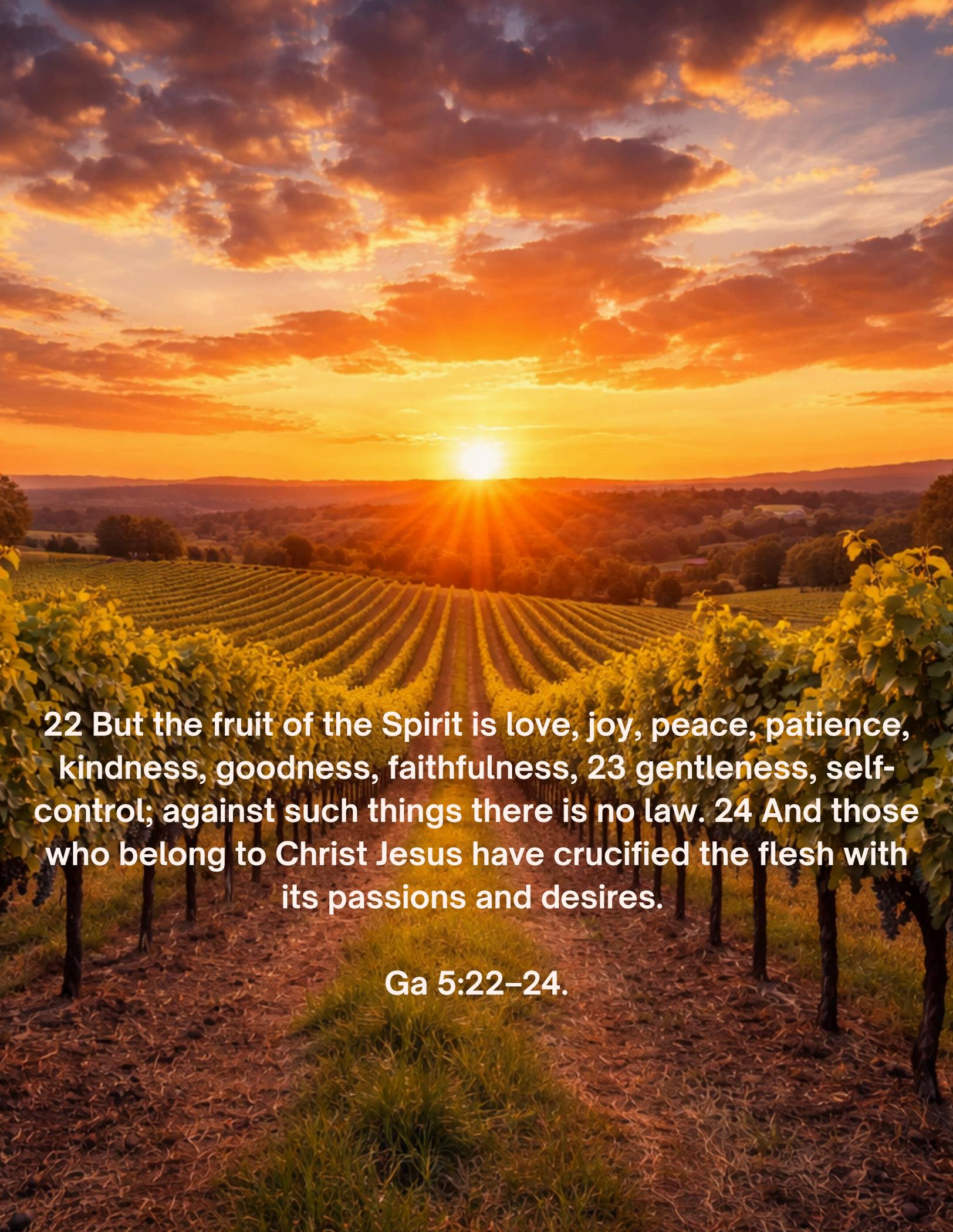
Chorus:

In the cross, in the cross
Be my glory ever,
Till my ransomed soul shall find
Rest beyond the river.

Near the cross! O lamb of God,
Bring its scenes before me;
Help me walk from day to day
With its shadow o'er me.

Near the cross! I'll watch and wait,
Hoping, trusting ever;
Till I reach the golden strand,
Just beyond the river.





22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. 24 And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

Ga 5:22–24.

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Worship

8:30 & 11:00am

Sunday School

10:00am



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“Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you.”

Mark 5:19

