

Sermon Notes – Fruit - Galatians 5

Who was Paul and who were the Galatians?

Paul's flow of teaching on a relationship with Jesus ...

1. You and I will never be worthy or righteous without God's Spirit dwelling in us.
2. Trying to keep rules is humanly impossible, does not make us righteous, and is contrary to the kind of relationship God wants and finds fulfilling.
3. God invites us into a healthy relationship, but He won't force us. Forcing us would be contrary to His love and the kind of relationship that He finds fulfilling.
4. When we accept God's invitation and confess Jesus as Lord, then God's grace forgives our unworthiness. God's Spirit enters us so that we can live together and experience life together.
5. The Spirit's mere presence in our being, begins to transform us into a new creation and continues to transform us.
6. This transformation is marked by fruits. Positive things that develop in our character that are a result of the presence of the Holy Spirit in us.
7. Unless interrupted by our own contrary will, these fruits grow and become more obvious and more true to who we are in the Spirit.
8. These fruits are a benefit for us as we are becoming more like Jesus. The more like Jesus we are the deeper our relationship with God the Father grows.
9. These fruits are a benefit for our families and households.
10. These fruits are a benefit for others in the Body of Christ because as we all are beginning to express these fruits we become more understandable to each other and more unified.
11. These fruits are a benefit to our secular communities.
12. True freedom is being able to live honestly from the inside out.

Galatians 5:22-26

1 John 4:16

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

Colossians 1:11

Ephesians 5:8-20

Romans 15:13