

12-19-10

Series: The Resurrections

The Resurrections (35)

The Judgment of Seat of Christ (10)

[\(1 Corinthians 3:10-17\)](#)

Pastor Eddie Idefonso

[Matthew 28:1-10](#)

(Continuation from 12-12-10)

The Doctrine of the Resurrections

[\(1 Corinthians 3:10-17\)](#)

A Walk Bearing God's Nature: The Fruit of the Spirit (1)

4. [\(1 Corinthians 3:12\)](#) Church— Teachers, False: there is the structure: It can be built out of two possible materials: either permanent or perishable materials.

1 Corinthians 3:12 (NASB)

¹² Now if any man builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw.

There may be only one foundation, and it may be laid by Christ and His apostles, but there are many different kinds of materials within the market of the world. And the believer must choose which material he will use to build his part of the church. It can be built of **two possible materials**: “**It could be the materials that remain or the ones that perish**”.

1. There are the permanent and valuable materials, the materials that are not corruptible and do not deteriorate and decay like the things of this earth.

Permanent materials last forever; they are incorruptible and undefiled and do not fade away. Scripture says they can be compared to gold, silver, and precious stones. What are the permanent materials? Scripture describes them in many ways.

Several examples would be as follows.

- a. They are the fruit of the Spirit, the spiritual qualities that last beyond this life. Again, these are the things that the believer is to use in building the church. ([Galatians 5:22-23](#))

[\(Galatians 5:22-26\)](#) Introduction: a genuine believer stands before God approved and acceptable. He is embraced and loved by God, looked after and cared for by God. And he is the recipient of eternal life and of the absolute assurance of eternal life.

But note: the believer has not been accepted by God because he deserves it, not because he kept enough laws to win the approval of God. The believer has been accepted

12-19-10

Series: The Resurrections

by God because of Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ died to pay the penalty for man's transgressions of the law. He died to free men from the law, from its judgment and condemnation. Therefore, standing before God, the believer is not there because he has kept laws and has earned the right to stand there. He is there because of his faith in Jesus Christ. His faith honors God's Son, and God loves His Son so much that He honors anyone who believes in His Son. He honors the person by doing exactly what the person believes. Therefore, the man who believes that Jesus Christ makes him acceptable to God becomes acceptable to God.

The point is this: since the believer has to approach God through Jesus Christ and not through the law, he is freed from the law. He is under Jesus Christ, not the law. Does this mean then that the believer has no restraint upon his life and behavior—that he is free to live like he wants? Is he free to follow the desires and lusts of his flesh—to seek the things of the world and give in to the urges to look, think, touch, taste, and do?

The answer is no! A thousand times no! For the believer has been given God's nature; he walks through life bearing God's nature ([2 Peter 1:4](#); [Ephesians 4:24](#); [Colossians 3:10](#); [1 Corinthians 6:19-20](#)). God has absolutely nothing to do with sin, not within His nature. Therefore, the believer is not to cave in to the lusts of the flesh; he is to walk bearing the fruit of God's nature, that is, the fruit of God's Spirit.

[2 Peter 1:4 \(NASB\)](#)

⁴For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of *the* divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.

[Ephesians 4:24 \(NASB\)](#)

²⁴And put on the new self, which in *the likeness of* God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.

[Colossians 3:10 \(NASB\)](#)

¹⁰And have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him.

[1 Corinthians 6:19-20 \(NASB\)](#)

¹⁹Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?

²⁰For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body.

1. [The believer is to walk bearing God's nature \(v.22-23\).](#)
2. [The believer is to walk bearing a crucified flesh \(v.24\).](#)
3. [The believer is to walk consistently with his position in Christ \(v.25\).](#)
4. [The believer is to walk free from selfishness, super-spirituality and envy \(v.26\).](#)

1. (Galatians 5:22-23) Holy Spirit— Believer, Walk: the believer is to walk bearing God’s nature, that is, the fruit of God’s Spirit.

Galatians 5:22-23 (NASB)

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.**

Note that the word “fruit” is singular, not plural. The Holy Spirit has only *one fruit*. It is broken down into a list of traits in order to help us understand His nature. However, the Spirit has only one nature, one fruit. Therefore, when He lives within a person, all these traits are present. The genuine believer does not experience and bear just some of them: the Spirit of God produces them all in the life of the believer.

1. There is the fruit of *love (agapē)*. *Agapē* love is the love of the mind, of the reason, of the will.

It is the love that goes so far.....

1. That it loves regardless of feelings—whether a person feels like loving or not.
2. That it loves a person even if the person does not deserve to be loved.
3. That it actually loves the person who is utterly unworthy of being loved.

Note four significant points about *agapē* love.

a. Selfless or *agapē* love is the love of God, the very love possessed by God Himself. It is the love demonstrated in the cross of Christ.

1. It is the love of God for the *ungodly*.

Romans 5:6 (NASB)

⁶ **For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.**

2. It is the love of God for *unworthy sinners*.

Romans 5:8 (NASB)

⁸ **But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.**

3. It is the love of God for *undeserving enemies*.

Romans 5:10 (NASB)

¹⁰ **For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.**

12-19-10

Series: The Resurrections

- b. Selfless or *agapē* love is a gift of God. It can be experienced only if a person knows God *personally*—only if a person has received the love of God, that is, Christ Jesus, into his heart and life.

Agapē love has to be shed abroad (**poured out, flooded, spread about**) by the Spirit of God within the heart of a person.

Romans 5:5 (NASB)

⁵ and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

- c. Selfless or *agapē* love is the greatest thing in all of life according to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Mark 12:29-31 (NASB)

²⁹ Jesus answered, "The foremost is, 'HEAR, O ISRAEL! THE LORD OUR GOD IS ONE LORD;

³⁰ AND YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH.'

³¹ "The second is this, 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

- d. Selfless or *agapē* love is the greatest possession and gift in human life according to the Scripture (**1 Corinthians 13:1-13**).

1 Corinthians 13:13 (NASB)

¹³ But now faith, hope, love, abide these three; but the greatest of these is love.