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

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The Doctrine of the Resurrections

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

A Walk Bearing God's Nature: The Fruit of the Spirit (2)

[\(Galatians 5:22-23\)](#)

Contrasted with the deeds of the flesh is the **fruit of the Spirit**. Deeds of the flesh are done by a person's own efforts, whether he is saved or unsaved. **The fruit of the Spirit**, on the other hand, is produced *by* God's own **Spirit** and only in the lives of those who belong to Him through faith in Jesus Christ.

The spiritual behavior of walking by the Spirit ([v. 16](#)) has the negative effect of causing the believer to put away the habitual, ongoing evil deeds of the flesh and positively causes him to bear the good **fruit** produced by **the Spirit**.

[Galatians 5:16 \(NASB\)](#)

¹⁶ But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.

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.

2. There is the fruit of *joy* (*chara*): "an inner gladness; a deep seated pleasure."

It is a **depth of assurance** and **confidence** that ignites a cheerful heart. It is a cheerful heart *that leads* to cheerful behavior.

(See note, Joy—[Philippians 1:4](#) for full discussion.)

Philippians 1:3-6 (NASB)

³ I thank my God in all my remembrance of you,

⁴ always offering prayer *with joy* in my every prayer for you all,

⁵ in view of your participation in the gospel from the first day until now.

⁶ *For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.*

([Philippians 1:4](#)) **Joy**: there is the mark of joy. Remember that Paul is in prison, *yet* his heart is filled with joy. Joy (*chara*) means an “inner gladness; a deep seated pleasure. It is a depth of assurance and confidence that ignites a cheerful heart. It is a cheerful heart *that leads* to cheerful behavior.

The joy of the Lord is not the same as the joy of the world. The joy of the world is more of a temporary pleasure than joy. The world’s joy is always nagged by some incompleteness, some lack, some unfulfilling thing, some missing ingredient, some need still existing. There is not a completeness—not a complete sense of assurance, confidence, and satisfaction.

There is the knowledge, *the haunting awareness*, that something can go wrong: circumstances can change or some situation can arise to disturb the joy (sickness, death, financial loss, war). The *haunting awareness* always keeps *the world’s joy* from being full and complete, assuring and satisfying.

Several things need to be said about the believer’s joy.

1. Joy is divine.
It is possessed and given only by God. Its roots are not in earthly or material things or cheap triumphs. It is the joy of the Holy Spirit, a joy based *in* the Lord. It is His very own joy ([John 15:11](#); [Acts 13:52](#); [Romans 14:17](#); [Galatians 5:22](#); [1 Thessalonians 1:6](#)).
2. Joy does not depend on circumstances or happiness.
Happiness depends upon happenings, but the joy that God implants in the believer’s heart overrides all, even the matters of life and death ([Psalm 5:11](#); [2 Corinthians 6:10](#); [2 Corinthians 7:4](#)).
3. Joy springs from faith ([Romans 15:13](#); [Philippians 1:25](#); [2 Timothy 1:4](#); cp. [Matthew 2:10](#)).
4. Joy of future reward makes and keeps the believer faithful ([Matthew 25:21, 23](#); [Acts 20:24](#); [Hebrews 12:2](#)).