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Series: The Resurrections

# The Resurrections (40)

## The Judgment of Seat of Christ (15)

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

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[Matthew 28:1-10](#)

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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 (6)

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

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 \(NASB\)](#)

<sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,  
<sup>23</sup> gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

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

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

The Christian cannot walk independent of the Holy Spirit. He cannot generate his own energy, his own resource, but success in the Christian is directly related to the Spirit walk. There are three reasons, why walking by the Spirit is the only way to fulfill God's plan for the Christian. Three reasons:

1) Number one, because of the impossible standard that God requires.

[Matthew 5:48 \(NASB\)](#)

<sup>48</sup> "Therefore you are to be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

The standard is so high, that there is no way humanly speaking that a Christian could ever meet the standard. So because of the impossible nature of God's standard. The only way that it could ever be fulfilled is when we walk by the Spirit. It is only attainable by God Himself. And so God Himself lives in you attaining that standard and as you walk in Him, it's fulfilled in you.

2) Second reason that we should walk in the Spirit is because of the formidable foe that we have. We could never possibly fight Satan in our own strength could we? We can't do it. There is no way that humanly speaking we can handle Satan.

3) Third reason that we must walk by the Spirit is because of the power of the sinful flesh. We are all victimized by our own flesh.

4. There is the fruit of *longsuffering (makrothumia)*: “patience, bearing and suffering a long time, perseverance, being constant, steadfast, and enduring.” Long-suffering never gives in; it is never broken no matter what attacks it.

1. Pressure and hard work may fall upon us, but the Spirit of God helps us suffer long under it all.
2. Disease or accident or old age may afflict us, but the Spirit of God helps us to suffer long under it.
3. Discouragement and disappointment may attack us, but the Spirit of God helps us to suffer long under it.
4. Men may do us wrong, abuse, slander, and injure us; but the Spirit of God helps us to suffer long under it all.

**Two significant things** need to be noted about longsuffering.

- a. Longsuffering never strikes back. Common sense tells us that a person who is attacked by others could strike back and retaliate. ***But*** the Christian believer is given the power of longsuffering—the power to suffer the situation or person for a long, long time.
- b. Longsuffering is one of the great traits of God. As pointed out in this verse, it is a fruit of God’s very own Spirit, a fruit that is to be in the life of the believer.

1. God and Christ are long-suffering toward sinners.

**Romans 2:4 (NASB)**

**<sup>4</sup>Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and tolerance and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance?**

2. God saves believers so that they may be examples of longsuffering.

**1 Timothy 1:16 (NASB)**

**<sup>16</sup>Yet for this reason I found mercy, so that in me as the foremost, Jesus Christ might demonstrate His perfect patience as an example for those who would believe in Him for eternal life.**

3. God withholds His judgment from the world because He is longsuffering, waiting for more and more to be saved.

**2 Peter 3:9 (NASB)**

**<sup>9</sup>The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.**

**1 Peter 3:20 (NASB)**

**<sup>20</sup>Who once were disobedient, when the patience of God kept waiting in the days of Noah, during the construction of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through *the* water.**

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**Isaiah 48:9 (NASB)**

**<sup>9</sup>For the sake of My name I delay My wrath, And *for* My praise I restrain *it* for you, In order not to cut you off.**

**William Barclay** says that if God had been a man, He would have long ago wiped man off the face of the earth because of his terrible disobedience (*The Letters to the Galatians and Ephesians*, p.56). But God loves and cares for man; therefore, God is longsuffering toward man. God is suffering a long, long time with man, allowing more and more men to be saved.

**Colossians 1:11 (NASB)**

**<sup>11</sup>Strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for the attaining of all steadfastness and patience; joyously.**

**2 Timothy 4:2 (NASB)**

**<sup>2</sup>Preach the word; be ready in season *and* out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction.**