

# Those To Serve

July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025

## Morning Worship

### Announcements

Zac Hall

### Song Leader

Ed Hanson

### Opening Prayer

Zac Hall

### Preside

George Thomas

### Assist

Steve Phillips

### Closing Prayer

George Thomas

## Evening Worship

### Opening Prayer

George Thomas

### Closing Prayer

Steve Phillips

### Lord's Supper

Ed Hanson

## Wednesday July 23<sup>rd</sup>

### Song Leader

Singing

### Invitation

Zac Hall

## Building And Communion for The Week of July 27<sup>th</sup>

Julia Thrasher

## Lawn And Ground for The Week of July 27<sup>th</sup>

George Thomas

# The Park Street Proclaimer

## Those Fighting Cancer

Leanna Shafer, Brenda Gibson and Cody Carr

## Prayer List

Tina Thomas, Susan Tigner, Pj McCray, Tonya Scaggs, Sandra Rowel, Wayne Stilwell, Ed Jones, Drew Shinn and Eldon Jensen.

## Shut - In

Debbie McGuire, Millie Robertson, and Lee Brunner

## Upcoming Events

Singing July 23<sup>rd</sup>

## Ladies Digging Deep Study

- Come and join us on the fourth Saturday of every month.
- Class from 11:00 am – 12:00 pm
- Carry in lunch for those who wish to fellowship afterwards.
- First class will be August 23, 2025

## Anniversary

William and Jillian Butts – 21<sup>st</sup>

## Passage to Ponder: Hebrews 9:24

For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us:

## Sunday Sermons

Am – Type and Antitype: The Temple and Heaven

Pm – Applying Longsuffering and Kindness

## Bible Studies

Sunday Morning – Acts 2:28

Wednesday Night – Singing



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## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### Sunday

Bible Study ..... 9:30 AM  
Morning Worship..... 10:30 AM  
Evening Worship..... 6:00 PM

### Wednesday

Bible Study ..... 7:00 PM

**Preacher: Zac Hall**

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**Are You a Christian?**

**Do you know what you must do to be saved?**

Hear – Romans 10:17  
Believe – John 8:24  
Repent – Acts 17:30  
Confess – Romans 10:9-10  
Be Baptized – 1 Peter 3:21  
Live Faithfully – Revelation 2:10

## Got a Bible question?

Be sure to submit it in the blue box on the table in the foyer! You can also text your question to 913-764-2325 or email it to [olathecoc@gmail.com](mailto:olathecoc@gmail.com)

Questions will be answered the last Sunday evening of each month.

## **“The Fruit of the Spirit”**

Chuck Northrop

Before one can understand "the fruit of the Spirit," one must understand the context of Galatians 5 where "the fruit of the Spirit" is revealed. In this chapter, Paul exhorts Christians not to allow their liberty to degenerate into a "yoke of bondage." Some individuals in the Galatian church had "fallen from grace" because they sought to be "justified by the law." The Judaizing teachers were binding the old law upon the church and, by such, had hindered some in obeying the truth (verse 7). These false teachers of Judaism were troubling the church (verse 12). However, as Christians, we have been called to liberty — liberty from the old law, from sin, and from the bondage of sin. Thus, Paul exhorts, "only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh" (verse 13). One reason we ought not use our liberty as a license to sin is because "we walk in the Spirit" (verse 16). To "walk in the Spirit" means to walk according to the Spirit's teaching through His sword "which is the word of God" (Ephesians 6:17). This is the same as being "led of the Spirit" (verse 18), and it is the opposite of walking after the flesh. The Spirit and the flesh are at odds (verse 17). They are in constant conflict. They are opposed to one another. To further illustrate this conflict, Paul contrasts "the works of the flesh" (verses 19-21) with "the fruit of the Spirit" (verses 22-23).

In verse 16 of Galatians 5, Paul commands, "Walk in the Spirit." Let us be sure, there are certain results of walking in the Spirit. There is the benefit of not fulfilling the lust of the flesh (Galatians 5:16). The same thought is declared by David in Psalm 119:11, "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee." When we engraft God's word upon our hearts, it will protect us against the fiery darts of Satan. Jesus knew this lesson when He was tempted of the devil (Matthew 4). Jesus guarded Himself from each temptation by the word of God. He answered the tempter's temptation with "it is written" (Matthew 4:4,7,10).

Also, if we walk in the Spirit, we are "not under the law (Galatians 5:18). "The law" in this verse is the Mosaic law. Earlier in this chapter, we are told Christ is become of no effect unto those who justify themselves by "the law" (verse 4). To return to the Mosaic law is to abandon the law of Christ and is to fall from grace. Some believe this means we are not under any law. However, we are under "the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus" which frees us from "the law of sin and death" (Romans 8:2). We are to "fulfill the law of Christ" by bearing one another's burdens (Galatians 6:2). And, we are to look into "the perfect law of liberty" (James 1:25). Also, consider this: Since "sin is the transgression of the law" (1 John 3:4), to say we are not under law is to say we have not nor cannot sin. Clearly, we are under law – the law of Christ, but we are not under "the law" – the law of Moses.

Further, "the fruit of the Spirit" results from walking in the Spirit. Again, when we engraft God's word upon our hearts, "the fruit of the Spirit" will be seen within us. The qualities of love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance will characterize us. The Spirit will produce these qualities within us by the word He has inspired.

"The fruit of the Spirit" is the produce of the Spirit. In other words, it is the product that is produced by the Spirit's influence. "The fruit of the Spirit" is not a Christian nor the fruit of a Christian which some have mistakenly taught. In fact, the fruit of a Christian is more than just a Christian. It is true that in the natural world, mankind, animals, and plants produce after their kind. Christians should also produce after their kind, and in this sense, the fruit of a Christian is another Christian. However, Christians produce other fruit besides Christians. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus taught, "Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them" (Matthew 7:20). Within the context, Jesus is speaking concerning false teachers who come "in sheep's clothing" but inwardly are "ravening wolves" (Matthew 7:15). To illustrate how we can know a false teacher, He taught a good tree produces good fruit, whereas an evil tree produces evil fruit. Is the only fruit of a false teacher other false teachers? Of course not! False teachers cause division, false hope, and disillusionment to only name a few. So, it is with Christians. Christians should evangelize, but there are other fruits which they should bare, and one such fruit is "the fruit of the Spirit."

Since "the fruit of the Spirit" is the produce of the Spirit, then how does the Spirit produce the qualities of love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance in men today? The Spirit influences men today by the Spirit inspired word. Peter wrote, "For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost" (2 Peter 1:21). It is this word that will make us "wise unto salvation" (2 Timothy 3:15) and "is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth" (Romans 1:16). It provides us with "all things that pertain unto life and godliness" (2 Peter 1:3). Thus, nothing else is needed for it is all sufficient and will produce the right fruit.

**[Part two next week]**