

**WHAT DOES IT
MEAN TO BE A
CHRISTIAN?**

**#3: IT MEANS I MUST
BEAR THE FRUIT
OF THE SPIRIT!**

GALATIANS 5:16-25

“But I say, **walk by the Spirit**, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are *opposed to each other*, to keep you from doing the things you want to do...”

GALATIANS 5:16-25

*"...And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. **If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.**"*

LOVE

1 JOHN 3:11—"...**LOVE** one another..."

ROM. 12:9,10—"Let **LOVE** be genuine..."

MATT. 5:44—"...**LOVE** your enemies..."

MARK 12:30—"...**LOVE** the Lord your God...,
and **LOVE** your neighbor as yourself."

1 JOHN 4:8—"...God is **LOVE**."

1 COR. 13:1-3—Everything – **LOVE** = Nothing!

LOVE

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO "LOVE"?

"to be **full of good-will**... to have a **preference for**, wish well to, regard the welfare of"
(Thayer, p. 3, emp. added).

PHILIPPIANS 2:3,4

"...in lowliness of mind **count others more significant than yourselves**... not looking each of you to his *own* things, but also to the things of *others*."

have a **preference for** which

ROMANS 12:10

"**LOVE** one another with brotherly affection; in honor **preferring one another**..."

LOVE

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO "LOVE"?

"Christian love...is not an impulse from the feelings, it does not always run with the natural inclinations... **Love seeks the welfare of all...**and **works no ill** toward any...; love **seeks opportunity to do good...**" (Vine, p. 382, emp. added).

"Love can be known only **from the actions it prompts...**"

(Vine, pp. 381-2, emp. added).

"Christian love... is not an impulse from the

JOHN 13:35

"By *this* all people will know that you are *my disciples*: if you have **LOVE for one another.**"

good... (vine, p. 382, emp. added).

JOY

MATTHEW 2:10; LUKE 2:10

“Fear not, for behold, I bring you **good tidings of great JOY** that will be for all the people...’ When they saw the star, **they REJOICED exceedingly with great JOY.**”

MATTHEW 5:10-12

“Blessed are you when others *revile* you and *persecute* you... **REJOICE**, and **be exceeding glad...**”

TO BE A CHRISTIAN MEANS TO BEAR THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT (GAL. 5:22,23)

JOY

JAMES 1:2

"Count it all **JOY, my brethren,
*when you fall into various
temptations...*"**

JOY

HEBREWS 12:1-3

"...looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who **for the JOY that was set before him**, endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."

PEACE

ISAIAH 9:6

“For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called *Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of PEACE*. Of the increase of **His...PEACE** there will be **no end...**”

PEACE

JOHN 14:27

"**PEACE** I leave with you, **my PEACE** I give to you...
Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

JOHN 16:32,33

"In me you may have **PEACE**... be of *good cheer*..."

EPHESIANS 4:1-3

"...maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of **PEACE**."

PEACE

MATTHEW 5:9

"Blessed are the **PEACE-makers**, for they shall be called *sons of God*."

ROMANS 15:13

"Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and **PEACE** in believing, *that you may abound in hope...*"

LOVE JOY
PEACE

Are YOU
bearing
these
fruits?

LOVE JOY PEACE

ACTS 9:31

"So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria had **peace** and was being **built up**. And walking in *the fear of the Lord* and in *the comfort of the Holy Spirit*, they **multiplied**."