

NOTES

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

INTERACTIVE OUTLINE

10 JUNE 18 MORNING MESSAGE

Galatians 5.16-26, p.975

Series: *Galatians: Freedom in Christ*

We're going to live in Galatians for a few weeks. Consider this letter the "emancipation proclamation" of the Christian faith.

The Doctrine

How can we do without law? The Spirit, Paul says, prunes the flesh from our vines and, in its place, produces fruit for the mutual upbuilding of the entire church and our communities.

1) The Fight – Ga.5.16-18

There is a battle raging inside all of us. If you follow the desires of the Holy Spirit, you'll not fulfill base, sinful impulses. The Law provides no power to conquer the flesh as the Spirit does.

2) The Fruit – Ga.5.19-26

Paul reveals the flesh as typical anti-social behavior which breaks down communities. The fruit of the Spirit, in contrast, is that fruit that works to build up the church.