

# GALATIANS

The Gospel & True Freedom

Study 15 Freedom in the Spirit  
Part 2: The Fruit of the Spirit

Galatians 5: 22-26



# STRUCTURE

1. The True Gospel (Gal 1-2)
2. The Inclusive Gospel (Gal 3-4)
3. The Liberating Gospel (Gal 5-6)

Galatians 5:13-15  
(ESV) For you were  
called to freedom,  
brothers

Only do not use  
your freedom  
as an  
opportunity for  
the flesh

but through  
love serve one  
another

**FREEDOM**

**FALSE FREEDOM**

**TRUE FREEDOM**



Freedom in Christ



Freedom in to truly  
love like him









Triggering point for the  
flesh to come alive





Spirit

Flesh





God ← Overseer

Spirit

Epithumias

Good things

Money, approval, unless  
people love you you are  
nothing

Flesh

Bad things



# BATTLE IS FOUGHT AT THE LEVEL OF DESIRES

God ← Overdesire

Spirit

Spirit has passions and yearnings—cries Abba Father..wants us to commune with the Father through the Son  
Realise Jesus is not eternal kill joy or hold out

Flesh

Good things

Money, approval, unless people love you you are nothing

Bad things

Flesh wants to be our own messiah



A person in a brown robe and jeans is walking away from the camera on a sandy beach. In the distance, another figure in a white robe is walking towards the horizon. The sky is filled with dramatic, golden clouds, and the sun is low on the horizon, creating a strong backlight effect. The overall scene conveys a sense of spiritual journey and freedom.

**TRUE FREEDOM**

**WALKING IN THE  
SPIRIT**



# CHARACTER TRANSFORMATION

Source cannot be prescribed like the law..cannot cultivate as character trait

Galatians 5:22-23 (ESV) 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.



# 1. LOVE IS OUR NEW NATURE

1 John 4:7 (ESV) Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.



## 2. LOVE IS OUR RESPONSE

1 John 4:19 (ESV)

19 We love  
because he first  
loved us.





### 3. LOVE IS THE PRIMARY EXPRESSION OF OUR FAITH

Galatians 5:6 (ESV) For in Christ Jesus  
neither circumcision nor uncircumcision  
counts for anything, but only faith  
working through love.

1 Corinthians 13:2 (ESV) and if I have all  
faith, so as to remove mountains, but have  
not love, I am nothing.



## 4. LOVE IS OUR MOTIVATING FACTOR

2 Corinthians 5:14-15 (ESV) 14 For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; 15 and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.



# JOY

*Christian joy is a good feeling in the soul, produced by the Holy Spirit, as he causes us to see the beauty of Christ in the word and in the world.*



# SEEING THE BEAUTY OF CHRIST

1 Peter 1:8-9 (ESV) Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, 9 obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.



# JOY COMES WITH SEEING REALITY

Isaiah 35:10 (ESV) And the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing;

everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;  
they shall obtain gladness and joy,  
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.





49 days



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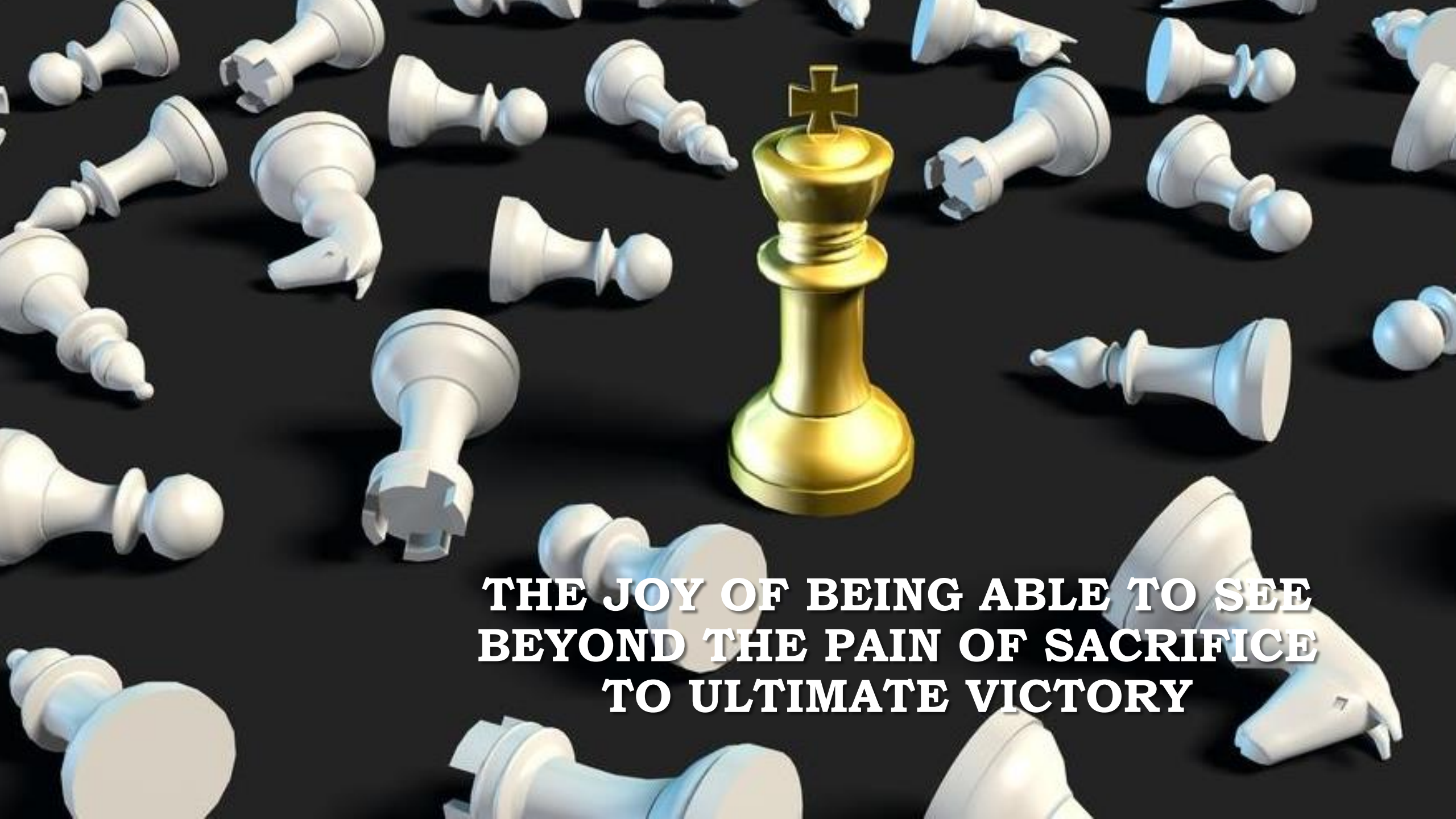




# JOY UNDIMINISHED BY PAIN

The leading thought in the presence of trials must be joy

James 1:2-4 (ESV) Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, 3 for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. 4 And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.



**THE JOY OF BEING ABLE TO SEE  
BEYOND THE PAIN OF SACRIFICE  
TO ULTIMATE VICTORY**



# **JOY IS POSSIBLE AT ALL TIMES**

Philippians 4:4 (ESV) 4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice.

**PEACE**  
**SHALOM-EIRENEE**

“The webbing together of God, humans, and  
all creation in justice, fulfillment, and delight ”



## **PEACE**

- Bible shalom means universal flourishing, wholeness, and delight—a rich state of affairs in which natural needs are satisfied and natural gifts fruitfully employed, a state of affairs that inspires joyful wonder at its Creator and Savior and opens doors and welcomes the creatures in whom he delights. Shalom, in other words, is the way things ought to be”
- (Plantinga 1995, 12).

# ELEMENTS OF OT SHALOM

Root meaning = whole, uninjured, undivided'

Positive : Not just absence of war but victory Judges 8:9

Communal concept..harmony

Gift from God

Conditional on obedience ..occurs in the context of  
righteousness and judgement

Ideal state to be fully realised in heaven



# PEACE IS THE RESULT OF THE GOSPEL

Romans 5:1 (ESV) 1 Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

- Patience (makrothumias) endures difficult situations and people without losing one's equanimity.
- Kindness (chrestotes) -God's kindness in offering or providing salvation through Christ Jesus..we give to those who do not deserve it
- Goodness (agathosune)... lives of moral beauty, and their decency shines forth in a world blighted by evil.



*Self control (egkratiea) Those who have self-control are able to restrain themselves unlike those who are dominated by the desires of the flesh.*

*Faithfulness:- Loyal, dependable and can be counted upon to carry out responsibilities*

*Gentleness (Prautes) meekness, power under control*



# **FEATURES OF SPIRITUAL CHANGE**

1. Gradual
2. Inevitable
3. Internal
4. Symmetrical



# FRUIT



1. Growth is gradual-patience

Cannot be seen--internal





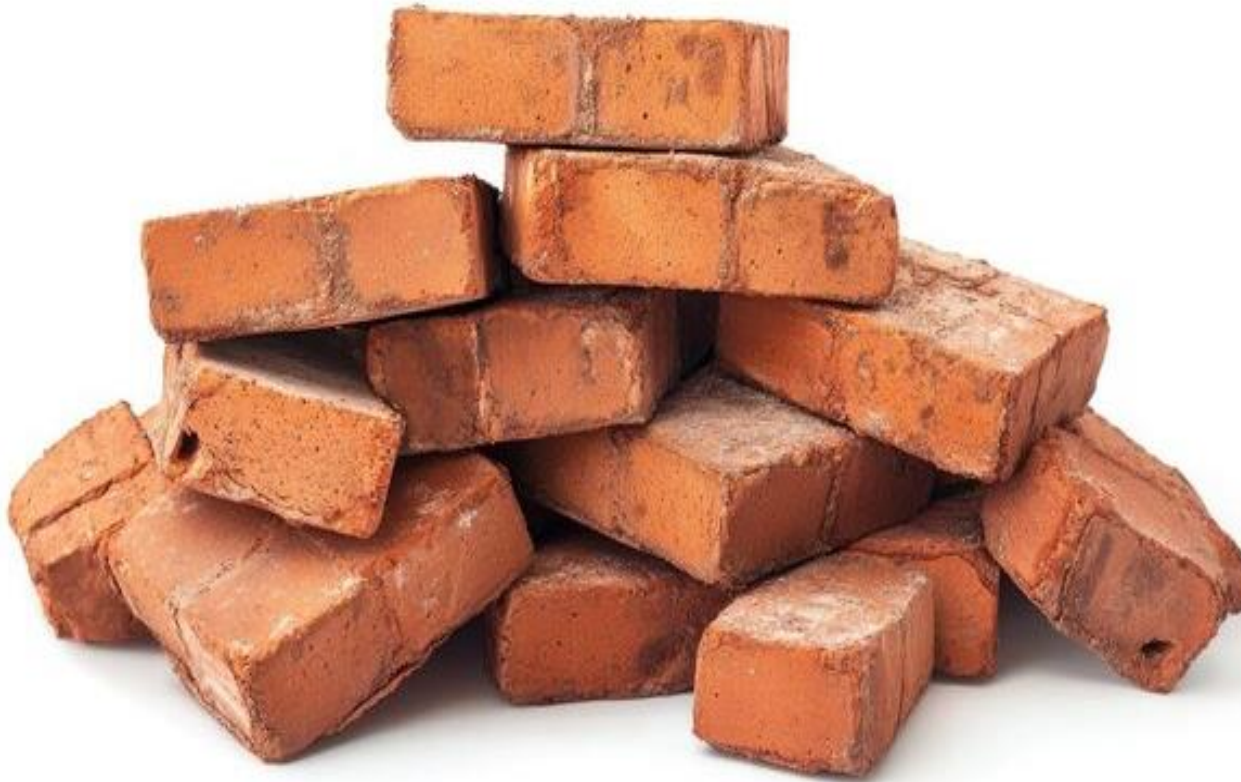
A photograph of a concrete sidewalk that is severely damaged. A large section of the sidewalk is cracked and broken, with a deep gap running through it. In the background, a tree trunk is visible, and some dry leaves are scattered on the ground. The scene is outdoors, and the lighting suggests it is daytime.

## 2. INEVITABLE



### 3. INTERNAL – ORGANIC INSIDE OUT

Doing external actions



Character transformation







**MECHANICAL VS ORGANIC GROWTH**





# SPIRIT FILLED?

## Gifts

Tongues  
Prophecy  
Wisdom  
Miracles

## Fruit

love, joy, peace, patience  
, kindness, goodness,  
faithfulness, gentleness,  
self control

Matthew 7:21-23 ESV“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the

**one who does the will of my Father** who is

in heaven. 22 On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ 23 And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me,

you **workers of lawlessness**



# THE PURPOSE OF THE NEW COVENANTAL PROMISE

Ezekiel 36:26-27 (ESV) 26 And I will  
give you a new heart, and a new spirit I

**Outside in growth**

will put within you. And I will remove

the heart of stone from your flesh

and give you a heart of flesh. 27 And I

will put **Inside out growth** in you, and

cause you to walk in my statutes

and be careful to obey my rules.

## MIRACLES OR NO CRITERIA CAN BE DONE BY UNBELIEVERS

Exodus 7:10-12 (ESV) Aaron cast down his staff before Pharaoh and his servants, and it became a serpent. 11 Then Pharaoh summoned the wise men and the sorcerers, and they, the magicians of Egypt, also did the same by their secret arts. 12 For each man cast down his staff, and they became serpents. But Aaron's staff swallowed up their staffs.



Acts 16:16-17 (ESV) 16 As we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had

a spirit of divination and brought her owners much gain by fortune-telling.

17 She followed Paul and us, crying out, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation."

## 4. CHRISTIAN CHANGE IS SYMMETRICAL

Subject -Singular

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love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness,  
faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control;

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Predicate -Plural





**Earthy**

**Aroma**

fruit, herbs, flowers, earth, grass, tobacco,  
mocha and chocolate.

**Body**

weight of the wine on your palate

**Balanced**

Fruit , alcohol and acid

**Acid**

**Oaky**



Alcoholic

Sweet

Floral

Bitter

Numbness







Connected

## "CANCATENATION OF CHRISTIAN GRACES"

*a harmonious,  
interdependent set of  
attributes produced in the  
life of a believer by the  
Holy Spirit*

Authentic , permanent

# GRACES GO TOGETHER

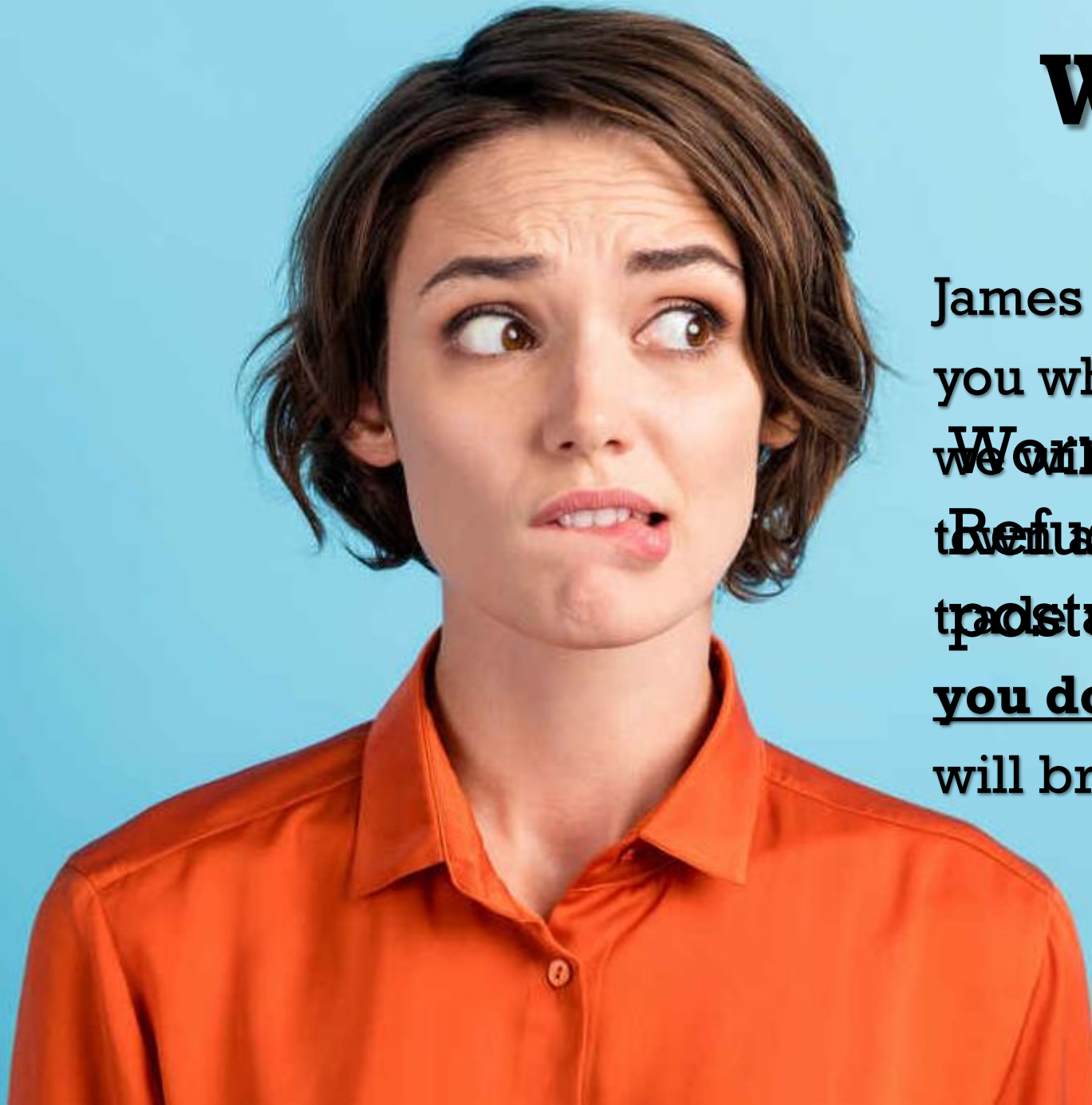
Peace because of humility





# WORRY

James 4:13-14 (ESV) Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a town and trade and make money. But we do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life?"



# REAL PEACE



Matthew 6:33-34 (ESV) 33 But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. 34 “Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow,





# **FAKE PEACE**

Things as going well  
I chose well  
I did well

# FAKE PEACE

Unflappable

Cool

Unbothered

Not gentle

Not Kind

Indifferent

Arrogant





# IT IS ALL OR NOTHING

1 John 4:20 (ESV) 20 If anyone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar;

He does not say he is unbalanced-has love but not integrity  
has one fruit and not the other



# FAKE GENTLENESS



Gentle  
Diplomatic



Not faithful  
Loyalty  
Courage





# GENTLENESS

- Temperamentally gentle
- Everyone loves you
- Cowardness as not faithful or courageous as you want to please everyone
- Does not go with integrity
- Form of self centeredness
- Runs away from any
- difficulty or strife
- Inferiority complex

# REAL GENTLENESS

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**LACK OF JOY**

**SELF CONTROL**

# Self Control from arrogance

Real men don't cry

Only Girls cry

Self control through arrogance

superior to girls

Hence cannot cry when they need to

I'M  
FUCK



**Act**

Kindness      Goodness

**Manner**

Gently, Patiently, Faithfully

**Motive**

Love, Joy, Peace



# GOD

Love

Joy

Peace







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# AGAINST SUCH THINGS THERE IS NO LAW.



No law prohibits the fruit of the Spirit, and hence no one can find fault with such virtues.



The Spirit, then, produces fruit that the law cannot create.

## HOW TO GET IT

Galatians 5:24-26 (ESV) 24 And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. 26 Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.



## DONE BY US

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## DONE TO US IN FAITH UNITY WITH CHRIST-POSITION

Galatians 2:20 (ESV)

20 I have been  
crucified with  
Christ. It is no  
longer I who live,  
but Christ who lives  
in me

Spirit

Flesh

War is the  
sign of the  
Spirits  
presence





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- A person wearing a plaid shirt is watering small green seedlings in black trays inside a greenhouse. The person is holding a silver watering can and pouring water onto the plants. The background shows the structure of the greenhouse and more plants.
- Fruit vs works
  - Works are the things we do
  - We create the conditions for the seed to grow
  - The power of the DNA is the Spirit