



# FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

Fruit is always the miraculous, the created; it is never the result of willing, but always a growth. The fruit of the Spirit is a gift of God, and only He can produce it. They who bear it know as little about it as the tree knows of its fruit. They know only the power of Him on whom their life depends. - Dietrich Bonhoeffer

What a compliment when we hear someone say: "You make me a better person". Loving and being loved by God is the same; we should become better people out of our security of that great love.

We can't do anything ourselves to be restored to God. Only Jesus' life, death and resurrection has restored us.

But once we are saved, our faith should be plainly evident by a changed life. Our life should start to change and produce characteristics and behaviour like Jesus. The Bible calls this Fruit of the Spirit. A changed life is proof of true salvation and it is made possible by the divine work of the Holy Spirit. Our part is regular prayer, Bible study, fellowship and worshipping with other

believers, and serving God and His people. We also have to trust in the Holy Spirit to change our character.

## **Check out this story displaying some of the Fruits of the Spirit**

Parable of the Good Samaritan found in Luke 10:30-37

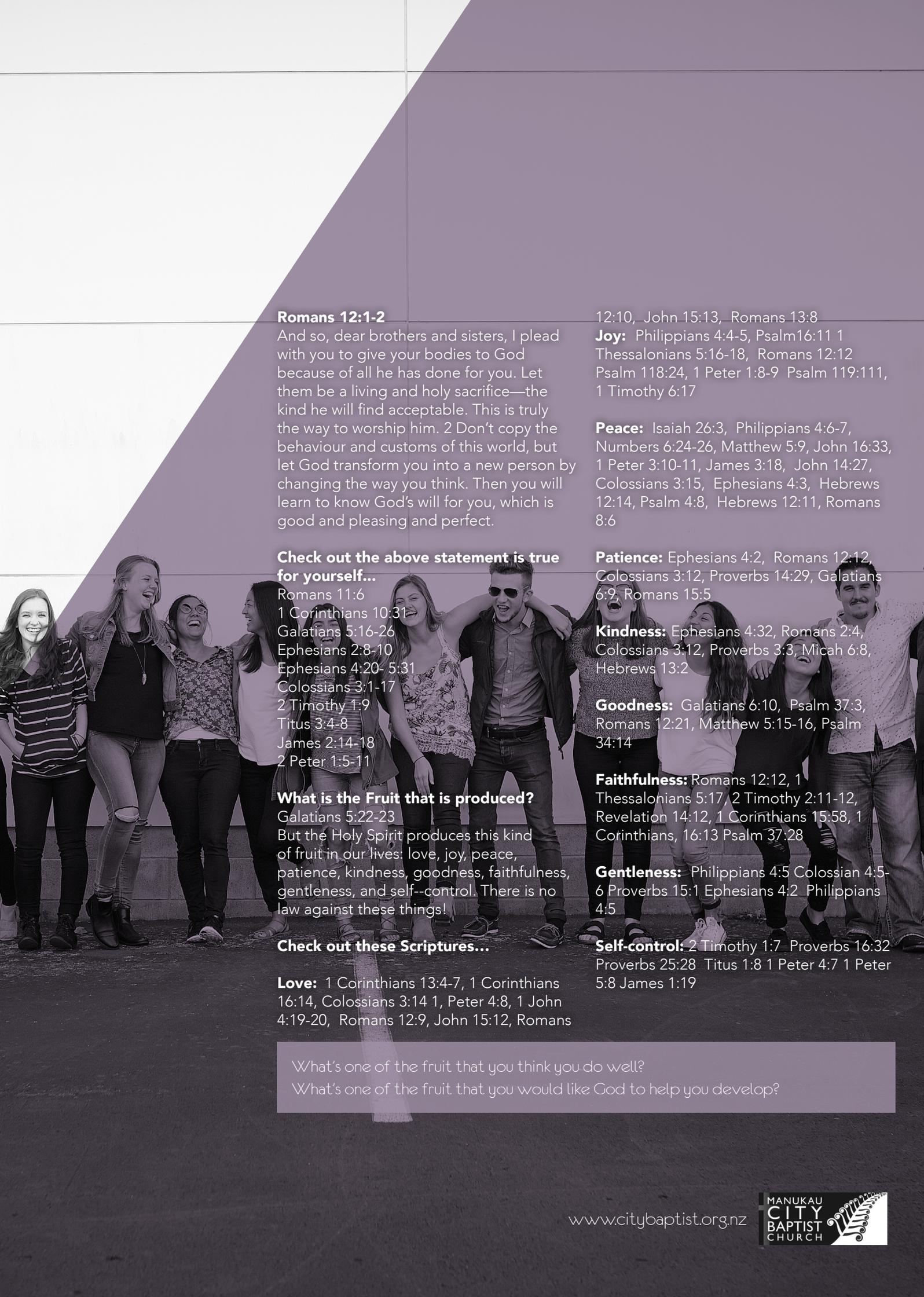
Jesus replied with a story: "A Jewish man was traveling from Jerusalem down to Jericho, and he was attacked by bandits. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him up, and left him half dead beside the road.

"By chance a priest came along. But when he saw- the man lying there, he crossed to the other side of the road and passed him by. A Temple assistant[b] walked over and looked at him lying there, but he also passed by on the other side.

"Then a despised Samaritan came along, and when he saw the man, he felt compassion for him. Going over to him, the Samaritan soothed his wounds with olive oil and wine and bandaged them. Then he put the man on his own donkey and took him to an inn, where he took care of him. The next day he handed the innkeeper two silver coins, telling him, 'Take care of this man. If his bill runs higher than this, I'll pay you the next time I'm here.'

"Now which of these three would you say was a neighbour to the man who was attacked by bandits?" Jesus asked.

The man replied, "The one who showed him mercy."  
Then Jesus said, "Yes, now go and do the same."



### **Romans 12:1-2**

And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. 2 Don't copy the behaviour and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

### **Check out the above statement is true for yourself...**

Romans 11:6  
1 Corinthians 10:31  
Galatians 5:16-26  
Ephesians 2:8-10  
Ephesians 4:20- 5:31  
Colossians 3:1-17  
2 Timothy 1:9  
Titus 3:4-8  
James 2:14-18  
2 Peter 1:5-11

### **What is the Fruit that is produced?**

Galatians 5:22-23  
But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!

### **Check out these Scriptures...**

**Love:** 1 Corinthians 13:4-7, 1 Corinthians 16:14, Colossians 3:14 1, Peter 4:8, 1 John 4:19-20, Romans 12:9, John 15:12, Romans

12:10, John 15:13, Romans 13:8

**Joy:** Philippians 4:4-5, Psalm 16:11 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, Romans 12:12 Psalm 118:24, 1 Peter 1:8-9 Psalm 119:111, 1 Timothy 6:17

**Peace:** Isaiah 26:3, Philippians 4:6-7, Numbers 6:24-26, Matthew 5:9, John 16:33, 1 Peter 3:10-11, James 3:18, John 14:27, Colossians 3:15, Ephesians 4:3, Hebrews 12:14, Psalm 4:8, Hebrews 12:11, Romans 8:6

**Patience:** Ephesians 4:2, Romans 12:12, Colossians 3:12, Proverbs 14:29, Galatians 6:9, Romans 15:5

**Kindness:** Ephesians 4:32, Romans 2:4, Colossians 3:12, Proverbs 3:3, Micah 6:8, Hebrews 13:2

**Goodness:** Galatians 6:10, Psalm 37:3, Romans 12:21, Matthew 5:15-16, Psalm 34:14

**Faithfulness:** Romans 12:12, 1 Thessalonians 5:17, 2 Timothy 2:11-12, Revelation 14:12, 1 Corinthians 15:58, 1 Corinthians, 16:13 Psalm 37:28

**Gentleness:** Philippians 4:5 Colossian 4:5-6 Proverbs 15:1 Ephesians 4:2 Philippians 4:5

**Self-control:** 2 Timothy 1:7 Proverbs 16:32 Proverbs 25:28 Titus 1:8 1 Peter 4:7 1 Peter 5:8 James 1:19

What's one of the fruit that you think you do well?

What's one of the fruit that you would like God to help you develop?