

August 12, 2018
Galatians 5:22-23

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS FAITHFULNESS

I. Introduction:

“Well done, thy good and **faithful** servant, enter into your rest.” Matthew 25:21

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness goodness, gentleness, **faithfulness** and self-control.” Galatians 5:22-23

II. What Is Faithfulness?:

Faithfulness: Trustworthy, Reliable, Dependable, Sure

III. Ways God Is Faithful:

A. God Is Faithful To His _____

“Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who **promised** is **faithful**.” Hebrews 10:23

By faith even Sarah herself received the ability to conceive, even beyond the proper time of life, since she considered Him **faithful** who had **promised**.” Hebrews 11:11

B. God Is Faithful To _____

“If we confess our sins, he is **faithful** and just and will **forgive** us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.” I John 1:9

C. God is Faithful In Times Of _____

“No **temptation** has seized you except what is common to man. And God is **faithful**; he will not let you be

tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are **tempted**, he will also provide a way out so you can stand up under it." 1 Corinthians 10:13

"The Lord is **faithful**, and he will **strengthen and protect** you from the evil one." 2 Thessalonians 3:3

D. God Is Faithful In Times Of _____ And _____

"God, who has called you into fellowship with his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is **faithful**." 1 Corinthians 1:9

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end, they are new every morning,
Great Is Thy **Faithfulness**" Lamentations 3:22-23

IV. Cultivating Faithfulness In Our Lives:

- Faithfulness is not so much a product as it is a process
- Faithfulness means to follow through with a commitment regardless of difficulty."

V. Conclusion And Application:

Will Jesus say to you, "Well done thy good and faithful servant?"

**Points To Ponder
Week of August 13th to 19th
I Corinthians 1:1-9**

Open It

1. What are you most thankful for today?
2. *When was a time you were especially thankful for someone else? Why?

Explore It

3. How did Paul describe himself? (1:1)
4. What themes did Paul repeat several times? (1:1-9)
5. What specific truths did Paul affirm? (1:1-9)
6. What kind of people were the Corinthian Christians? (1:2)
7. What words of affirmation did Paul have for his readers? (1:2-3)
8. *For what traits of the Corinthians did Paul thank God? (1:4-9)
9. In what ways had the Corinthian Christians been "enriched"? Why? (1:5-6)
10. *What did the Corinthian Christians have? (1:7)
11. What spiritual gifts did the Corinthians have? (1:7)
12. Why did the Corinthians not lack for any spiritual gift? (1:7)
13. For what period of time were the Corinthians' spiritual gifts given? (1:7)
14. For what were the Corinthians waiting? (1:7)
15. How would the Corinthians be able to live as God called them? (1:8-9)
16. What words of encouragement did Paul include in his opening? (1:8-9)
17. How are Christians able to live as God has called them? (1:8-9)

18. *To what has God called all Christians? (1:9)

Get It

19. For what can you thank God?

20. For what should we thank God?

21. Who is someone for whose faith you are thankful?

22. What does it mean that God has given us grace?

23. How is a person enriched by trusting in Christ?

24. What spiritual gifts has God given you?

25. How can your gifts be used in service to Jesus as we wait for His return?

26. In what ways does God keep a believer strong to the end?

27. What does it mean that God is faithful?

28. *In what ways is God faithful to you?

29. *How can we say thank you to God for His faithfulness?

30. For what specific reasons do you want to thank God?

Apply It

31. How can you use your spiritual gift at least once this next week?

32. What Christian do you want to affirm?

33. In what part of your daily routine this week can you take time out to thank God?