

Galatians: Paul's Gospel Defense (Part 11)
The Law of Christ
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Text: Galatians 5:22—6:2

I. What is the new pattern of life that Christ lives in us?

AW Tozer: "...the cross not only brings Christ's life to an end, it ends also the first life, the old life, of every one of His true followers. It destroys the old pattern."

- i. What is this old pattern of life that the cross destroys?
- ii. What is the new pattern of life that Christ lives in us?

The 10 commandments are not replaced with the 9 fruits.

The pattern is not the fruit of the Spirit but Christ formed in us which evidences the fruit of the Spirit.

Galatians 5:19-23	Works of the flesh: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and the like.	Fruit of the Spirit: <i>love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control</i>
Romans 13:12-14	Put aside the Works of darkness: Orgies, drunkenness, immorality, debauchery, dissension, jealousy	Put on the armor of light ...clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ.
Colossians 3:5-14	Put off the old self with its practices: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips, and lying.	Put on the new self: which is neither Jew, Greek, Barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free... but Christ is all and is in all! Therefore clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

➤ John 15:4-5

II. Fruit grows in a vineyard.

A. The church is the vineyard.

The vineyard is not a place of isolation and separation, but of connection and reconciliation.

i. Love:

ii. Joy:

iii. Peace:

- Romans 12:18

Peace is the putting to death of hostility between members of the body.

- Colossians 3:15

iv. Patience:

v. Kindness:

vi. Goodness:

vii. Faithfulness:

- Proverbs 20:6
- Proverbs 27:6

viii. Gentleness:

ix. Self-control:

- Proverbs 16:32

The fruit of Christ's Spirit in us is incompatible with hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy and the rest of the works of the flesh.

III. Fruit is for eating.

A. Caught in sin...

B. What does rescue look like?

i. Who are the “*spiritual*”?

➤ Romans 15:14

➤ Colossians 3:16

C. Watch yourselves:

D. *Carry each other's burdens...*

E. *In this way you fulfill the law of Christ...*

Drawing Lines

*Making the connection between what we “know” about the Gospel
and how we think and live.*

- What is the pattern that we are to conform our Christian life to?
- What is the vineyard that the fruit of the Spirit is intended to be cultivated in?
- The vineyard is not a place of isolation and separation, but of connection and reconciliation. In what ways have you isolated yourself from the vineyard? Where do you need to reconnect?
- In what ways do we bear the weight of another who is caught in sin?
- How is Christ, who is the perfect pattern, different in producing righteousness than the law which was perfect also?
- Which one of the fruit of the Spirit should you focus on in your fellowship with the Savior?