

The Fruit of the Spirit: Love

Series: *Christ's Life Revealed in Us*
– Gal. 5:22-23; I Cor. 13 –

Setting the stage. . .

- (1) *The fruit of the Spirit is a **PACKAGE DEAL**.*
- (2) *The emphasis is on our **CHARACTER** not **GIFTEDNESS**.*
- (3) *It has both an **INDIVIDUAL** and **CORPORATE** application.*

1. The Preeminence of Love (vss. 1-3)

2. The Practice of Love (vss. 4-7)

Application Questions. . .

1. What part of the text or message had the greatest impact on you? Where were you most encouraged, intrigued, or challenged?
2. Compare John 15:9-10 with I John 4:7-12. What do they teach us about God, us, and how we are related to Him and each other?
3. When do you need the biggest reminder of God's love? At home with your family? When you're serving at church? When you're working in the community?
4. Discuss the significance of the little words *if* and *but* in I Cor. 13:1-3.
5. Has love – like the depth of love described in verses 4-7 – ever seemed like a 'To Do' list for you? Explain
6. In verse 8, Paul says that love does not rejoice or delight in evil (or unrighteousness). What would you say are the *reasons* love does not do this?
7. In John 15, Jesus repeats *abide in Me*, *love* and *bear fruit*. How are these all related?
8. Share one specific way God has spoken to you (or convicted/encouraged you) through I Cor. 13?

