

**SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY #43,  
PNEUMATOLOGY, Part 21,  
Fruit of the Spirit Part 4  
Gal. 5:22-23  
Grace Community Church  
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1. Gal. 5:22-23, (22) But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, (23) gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.
2. SINGULARITY OF THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT (Gal. 5:22, "But the fruit of the Spirit is ....")
3. LOVE STANDS FIRST IN THIS LIST OF 9 VIRTUES BECAUSE IT IS THE SOURCE OF ALL THE OTHERS
  - a. Christ proclaimed the supremacy of love over every other goodness
    - i. Mt. 22:36-40, Christ was asked, (36) "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?" (37) Jesus said to him, " 'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' (38) "This is the first and great commandment. (39) "And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' (40) "On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."
  - b. LOVE is to epitomize the Christian life
    - i. John 13:35, "By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."
  - c. LOVE is what is to motivate us to service
    - i. 2 Corinthians 5:14, For the love of Christ compels us ...."
  - d. LOVE is what causes us to forgive innumerable sins of others against us
    - i. 1 Peter 4:8, "And above all things have fervent love for one another, for 'love will cover a multitude of sins.'"
4. LOVE DEFINED:
  - a. There are several Greek words which are translated by our English word LOVE
    - i. *Eros*--

ii. *Philos-*

iii. *Agape—*

**b. *Agape* love IS DIVINE IN ORIGIN**

- i. 1 Jn. 4:7, “Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.”
- ii. Romans 5:5, “ ... the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.”
- iii. 1 Jn. 4:8, “He who does not love [*agape*] does not know God, for God is love.”

**5. LOVE DESCRIBED (1 Cor. 13):**

- a. 1Cor. 13:4, “Love suffers long”
- b. 1Cor. 13:4, Love “is kind”
  - i. Ephesians 4:32, “And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ forgave you.”
- c. 1Cor. 13:4, “Love does not envy”
  - i. “Envy is rottenness to the bones” (Prov. 14:30)
- d. 1Cor. 13:4, “Love does not parade itself”
  - i. Proverbs 13:10, “By pride comes nothing but strife ....”
- e. 1Cor. 13:4, Love “is not puffed up”
- f. 1Cor. 13:5, Love “does not behave rudely
- g. 1Cor. 13:5, Love “does not seek its own”
- h. 1Cor. 13:5, Love “is not provoked”
- i. 1Cor. 13:5, Love “thinks no evil”
- j. 1Cor. 13:6, Love “does not rejoice in iniquity”
  - i. Prov. 24:17-18, (17) Do not rejoice when your enemy falls, And do not let your heart be glad when he stumbles; (18) Lest the LORD see it, and it displease Him, And He turn away His wrath from him.
- k. 1Cor. 13:6, Love “rejoices in the truth”

**I. 1Cor. 13:7, Love “bears all things”**

**i. 1 Pt. 4:8 says, “Love COVERS a multitude of sins.”**

**1. COVERS is used in 2 Corinthians 4:3, “But even if our gospel is veiled, it is VEILED to those who are perishing ....”**

**2. FERVENT LOVE**

**3. MULTITUDE (same Greek word is used):**

**a. Luke 5:6 And when they had done this, they caught a GREAT NUMBER of fish, and their net was breaking.”**

**b. Hebrews 11:12, “Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born [as many] as the stars of the sky in MULTITUDE—innumerable as the sand which is by the seashore. When we have forgiven someone as many times as there are ....”**

**m. 1Cor. 13:7, Love “believes all things”**

**n. 1Cor. 13:7, Love “hopes all things”**

**o. 1Cor. 13:7, Love “endures all things”**

**p. 1Cor. 13:8, “Love never fails”**