

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS LOVE

GALATIANS 5:22

I. GENERAL OBSERVATIONS ON THIS PARTICULAR SECTION ON THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

- A. There Is A Marked Contrast Between The Word "*Works*" In [5:19] & The Word "*Fruit*" In [5:22]
- B. There Is A Marked Contrast Between The Plurality Of The "*Works*" In [5:19] & The Singular "*Fruit*" In [5:22]
- C. The Full Harvest [Which Is The Objective Of Every Christian] Will Be Complete Conformity To The Likeness Of Jesus Christ

II. LOVE IS THE CORE OF THIS FRUIT WHICH EXTENDS PRIMARILY IN A HORIZONTAL PATTERN

- A. This Love Is Not Common Or Even Natural Within Daily Societal Existence
 - 1. It Is Not Self Centered Eroticism
 - 2. It Is Not A Brotherly Affection That Is Sometimes Apparent In Friendships
 - 3. It Is Not Even The Natural Bonds That Occur In Blood Relations
- B. This Love Finds Its Only Definition & Illustrations In The Pages Of The N.T.
 - 1. It Finds Its Source In God Alone
 - 2. It Demonstrates A Supernatural Selflessness In Its Fundamental Responses (I Corinthians 13)
 - a. Two Foundational Activities Of Love
 - b. Five Self Denials Of Love
 - c. Three Refusals Of Love: Things It Refuses To Do
 - d. Four Universals Of Love: Things It Always Does Within The Limitations Of The Divine Boundary