<u>Series</u>: Free In Christ <u>Title</u>: Reformative Fruits of the Spirit <u>Text</u>: (Gal 5:22-24)

Transforming Fruits of the Spirit: Love, Joy, Peace: Interior fruits; Transform before you can Conform: (Rom 12:1-2)

Conforming Fruits of the Spirit: (Rom 8:29) **Longsuffering, Gentleness, Goodness:** Outward Manifested

Un-Conform us from the World & Conform us to Christ.

Reforming Fruits of the Spirit: Faith, Meekness, Temperance: Reforming us into a New Creature: (2 Cor 5:17)

I. <u>Faith Vs. Doubt</u>: (Heb 11:1) Now faith is ...

Faith is a Personal Measurement of the level of confidence in what Christ has done and will do IN Me, Through Me, and For Me.

Justification is dependent upon faith information, but Sanctification is dependent upon faith in a Personal Relationship. <u>What is DOUBT</u>? *An attitude of unbelief, characterized by rebellion and disobedience to God.*

Reasons for Doubt..... <u>Mind Driven</u>: Doubt b/c of Intellectual reasons. <u>Emotionally Driven</u>: Doubt b/c of what they feel in their flesh.

<u>Willfulness</u>: Doubt certain truths b/c their faith may disqualify them from doing what they want or from doing something the way they want to do it.

(Dan 11:32) And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he corrupt by flatteries: but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits.

(John 8:32) *And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.*

II. <u>Meekness Vs. Anger</u>: (Gal 5:23) *Friction happens because someone's Pride is up:* (Prov 13:10) (Prov 17:14) (Prov 18:6)(Prov 22:10)

Meekness is not *Weakness*, but Power, under control: (Gal 6:1-3)

Meekness Vs. Discord: (James 3:13-18)

III. Temperance Vs. Self-Indulgence

- 1. in should be decreasing in our lives, not increasing. (Rom 6:1-2)
- 2. God destroyed the power that sin had over us: (Rom 6:6-7)
- **3.** God does not want us to yield to those old desires anymore. (Rom 6:12-14)
- **4.** If we indulge fleshly appetites, they will grow stronger. (Rom 6:16,18)

Self Indulgence:

When we reject the Fruit of the Spirit~Temperance, we self indulge based on our Appetites.

<u>3 Types of Appetites:</u>

Some Appetites need to be satisfied: (Good Appetites) What are good appetites. (Mat 5:6)

Some Appetites need to be starved: (Sinful Appetites) These appetites should never be fed.

Some of these are in (Gal 5:19-21) (Ecc 6:7,9) Lust (Ecc 5:10-11) Covetousness (Eph 5:11-12) Bad Behavior, Childish naughtiness)

Some Appetites need to be Suppressed:

(1 Cor 6:12)

Appetite control will require us to "*Put OFF*" the old man and "*Put On*" the new man. (Rom 13:14)