

Lesson: (#12) FRUIT OF FAITH

This is the twelfth lesson in the series entitled, “Fruit of The Holy Spirit”.

The Fruit of Faith is the seventh fruit listed in Gal.5:22.

Last week we discussed the importance of the formation of Greek words. For example, makrothumia is a compound Greek word. We also learned about the importance of the Greek suffices like chrestotes (agent of action) and agathosune (quality of character).

The **Fruit of Faith** is another example of the importance of the formation of Greek words. Most English Bibles translate the seventh Fruit of The Spirit like the verbal adjective (pistos) [faithful].

However, it is the noun pistis (faith). Pistis is the confidence to believe divine truth that results in assurance.

For example: Paul used it with the promise given to Abraham (Abrahamic Covenant)

(Gen.12:1-3) “Now faith is the assurance of things hope for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the men of old gained approval.” (Heb.11:1-2, 39-40)

(Rom.4:13) “For the promise given to Abraham or to his descendants that he would be heir of the world was not through the Law, but through the righteousness of **faith** (pistis / abl.s.f).”

(Rom.4:16) “For this reason it is by faith, that it might be in accordance with grace, in order that **the promise** may be certain to all the descendants, not only to those who are of the Law, but also to those who are of the **faith of Abraham**, who is the father of us all.”

This lesson will study six aspects of the Fruit of Faith.

1. Vine defines pistis as “a firm conviction, producing a full acknowledgement of God’s revelation or truth.” (Vines Expository Dict. of Biblical Words, pg.222)

(2 Thess.2:13) “But we should always give thanks to God for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God has chosen you from the beginning for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and **faith in the truth.**”

PRINCIPLE: Faith must always have a working object.

The working object of the believer’s faith is always confirmed by the word of God. The object of our faith is what we believe and trust to work on every occasion based on the truth of God’s word regarding it. (1 Tim.4:6).

2. Like all the fruit of Spirit, faith is part of the character of God.

(Rom.3:3) “What then? If some did not believe, their unbelief will not nullify the faithfulness (pistis/ faith) of God, will it?”

(2 Thess.3:3) “But the Lord is faithful (**pistos**), and He will strengthen and protect you from the evil one.”
(1 Cor.1:9; 10:13; 2 Cor.1:18; Heb.10:23; 1 John 1:9) [Verbal adjective of trust and reliability]

3. The source of saving faith is the gospel of Jesus Christ.

(Eph.2:8-9) “For by grace you have been saved through **faith** (pistis); and that not of yourselves, it is a gift of God; not as a result of works, that no one should boast.” [Faith in what?]

(Rom.1:16) “For I am not ashamed of **the gospel**, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jews first and also to the Greeks.”

THE GOSPEL: “For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.” (1 Cor.15:3-4; Col.1:13; Acts 26:18)

(Rom.10:17) “So **faith** (pistis) comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.” [Gal.1:23]

4. The source of walking by faith is cycling the Word of God through spiritual growth maturity.

(2 Cor.5:7) “For we **walk by faith**, not by sight.” (Rom.10:17; 1 Cor.2:5)

(Col.2:7) “Having been firmly rooted and now being built up in Him and **established in your faith**, just as you were instructed, and overflowing with gratitude.” (1 Thess.3:2; 2 Thess.1:3)

(Phil.1:25) “And convinced of this, I know that I shall remain and continue with you all for your progress and joy in **the faith.**” (2 Cor.1:24)

(Heb.11:11) “By **faith** (pistis) even Sarah herself received ability to conceive, even beyond the proper time of life, since she considered Him faithful (pistos) who had promised.”

5. The fruit of faith is different than the spiritual gift of faith (pistis).

(1 Cor.12:9) “to another (heteros/) [different kind] faith (pistis) by the same Spirit.”

Note that the source of spiritual gifts is the Holy Spirit. A spiritual gift called “faith” is given at the moment of salvation as one of eight works of the Holy Spirit.

(1 Cor.12:11) “But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as He wills.” (Gal.3:2-3, 5)

6. The ‘fruit of faith’ is produced by walking by means of the indwelling Holy Spirit.

(Gal.5:16) “But I say, **walk by the Spirit**, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.”

(1 Cor.6:19-20) “Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body.”

The source of the Fruit of faith is walking by means of the indwelling Holy Spirit.

(Gal.5:22-23) “But **the fruit of the Spirit** is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness (pistis), gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.”

**The Fruit of faith is produced 100% by the indwelling Holy Spirit,
and is the confidence to believe divine truth that results in assurance.**