

LOVE NEVER FAILS.

Galatians 5:22a

But the fruit of the Spirit is love,

What is the “Fruit of the Spirit?”

- The “Fruit of the Spirit” is a metaphor for the character **qualities** in a person who is following Christ.
- New fruit requires a new **nature** – Matthew 7:16-20

You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles?¹⁷ So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit.¹⁸ A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit.¹⁹ Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.²⁰ Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.

Who is the Holy Spirit?

- The Holy Spirit is the third member of the Trinity, not an “it” or a force. He is a fully divine, **personal** being who enables us to understand and follow the Truth.

What is Love?

- *Eros*: sexual “love.”
- *Storge*: familial love.
- *Phileo*: love between friends.
- *Agape*: self-**sacrificial** love.¹

Love...

- *Is patient and kind;* – 1 Corinthians 13:4
- *Does not envy or boast;* – 1 Corinthians 13:4
- *Is not arrogant or rude.* – 1 Corinthians 13:4-5
- *Does not insist on its own way;* – 1 Corinthians 13:5
- *Is not irritable or resentful;* – 1 Corinthians 13:5
- *Does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth.*
– 1 Corinthians 13:6
- *Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.* – 1 Corinthians 13:7

¹ While words generally vary in meaning, context is king in interpreting the Bible.