

FREE AT LAST! THE MESSAGE OF GALATIANS
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The Fruitful Gospel: Faithfulness – Galatians 5:16-26

Webster says:

- Faithful (adjective) – “steadfast in affection or allegiance; loyal; firm in adherence to promises or in observance of duty.”
- Faithful (noun) – “church members in full communion and good standing.”

I. God is faithful. - cf. Exodus 34:6; Deut. 7:9; Psa. 89; 117:2

- in spite of our sin - cf. I Thess. 5:23, 24; Luke 15:3-7; I John 1:9
- in spite of our weakness - cf. John 6:39; 10:28, 29; II Cor. 1:8,9; 10:13; II Thess. 3:3
- in spite of our confusion - cf. Lamentations 3:23

II. Saints are faithful.

5:22

“But the fruit of the Spirit is...faithfulness...”

A. In every way - cf. Joshua 24:14

1. In our actions - cf. Jer. 23:25-29; I Sam. 2:35; Ezekiel 44:15; Jer. 3:20; Hosea 2:5; 4:12; 5:7; 6:7; 9:1; II Chron. 12:2; 26:16, 18; 28:19, 22; 29:6; 30:7; 36:14; Dan. 9:7; Matt. 25:14-30; Heb. 10:23
2. In our affection - cf. Nehemiah 9:8
3. In our beliefs - cf. Matt. 24:28; 25:24, 25

B. In every relationship.

1. To God - cf. Numbers 12:7; Hebrews 3:1-6; Prov. 28:20
2. To wife and family - cf. Malachi 2:10-16
3. To friends - cf. I Sam. 18:1-4; 20:16, 17; Prov. 27:6; John 15:13
4. To church - cf. Col. 1:2, 7; 4:7, 9
5. To employer - cf. Col. 3:22-4:1
6. To community - cf. Jeremiah 29:4-7; Matt. 23:23
7. To nation - cf. Romans 13:1-7

C. In every circumstance.

1. In times of stress - cf. Philippians 2:19-30; Rev. 2:10; 19:11
2. In times of temptation - cf. Genesis 39
3. In times of prosperity - cf. I Kings 3:6; 11:1-13