

# Developing Christian Character

*Being conformed to the image of Christ*

Romans 8:29; 2 Corinthians 3:18

Christian Character Part 2.  
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## Romans 8:29

» *For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.*

## 2 Corinthians 3:18

» *But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.*

# Overview

- » Last week we examined What is Christian Character.
- » This week we will take it further and discuss ways of developing your Christian Character.

# Why is Character Important?

Let your light  
so shine before men,  
that they may  
see your  
good works and  
**GLORIFY**  
your  
**FATHER**  
in heaven.

# How do you develop Christian Character

- Crucify the old man and his deeds.  
*Galatians 2:20; Ephesians 4:17-24...*
- Be transformed in your mind by submitting yourself to the Holy Spirit: *Romans 12:1-2*.  
Be willing to change
- Let the Word of God be your highest standard, your reference point, your source of wisdom, and the basis of your values.  
*Psalm 119:9-11,105*.
- Building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost. *Jude 1:20*

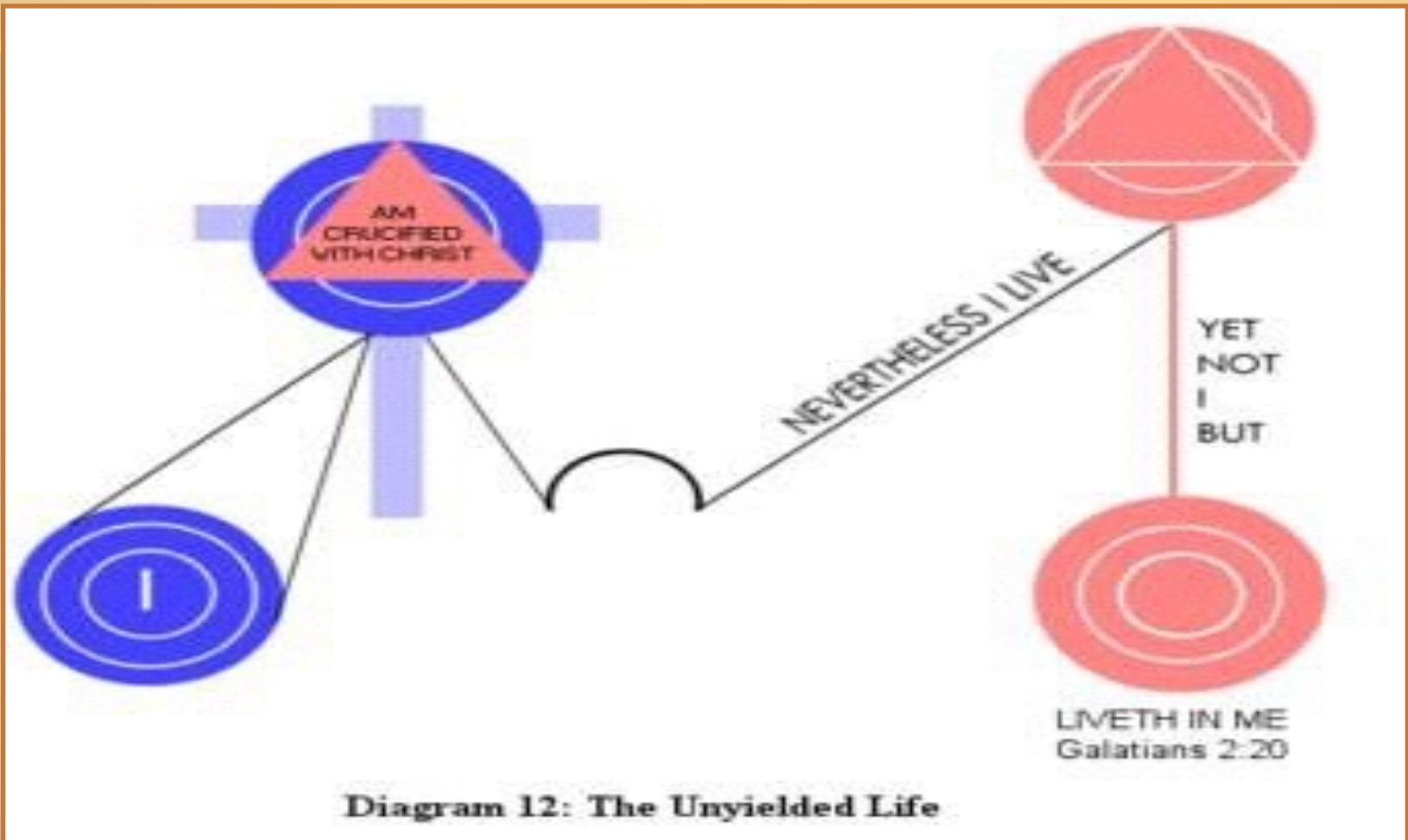
# The old man and his deeds



**Galatians 5:19-21**

*...of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.*

# The Crucified life



# The Fruit of the Spirit

Gal 5:22-23

**LOVE**

Seeks the highest good of others.

**JOY**

Gladness that is not based on circumstances.

**PEACE**

Contentment, unity between people.

**PATIENCE**

Slow to speak and slow to anger.

**KINDNESS**

Merciful, sweet, and tender.

**GOODNESS**

Generous and open hearted.

**FAITHFULNESS**

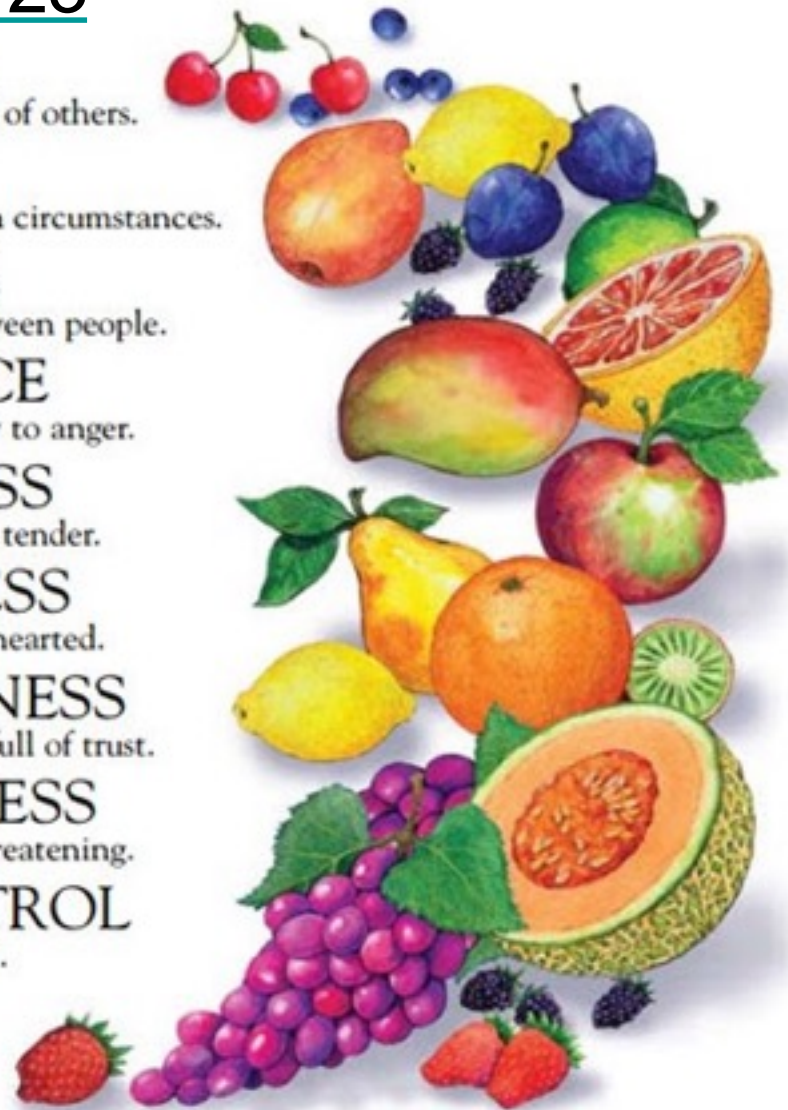
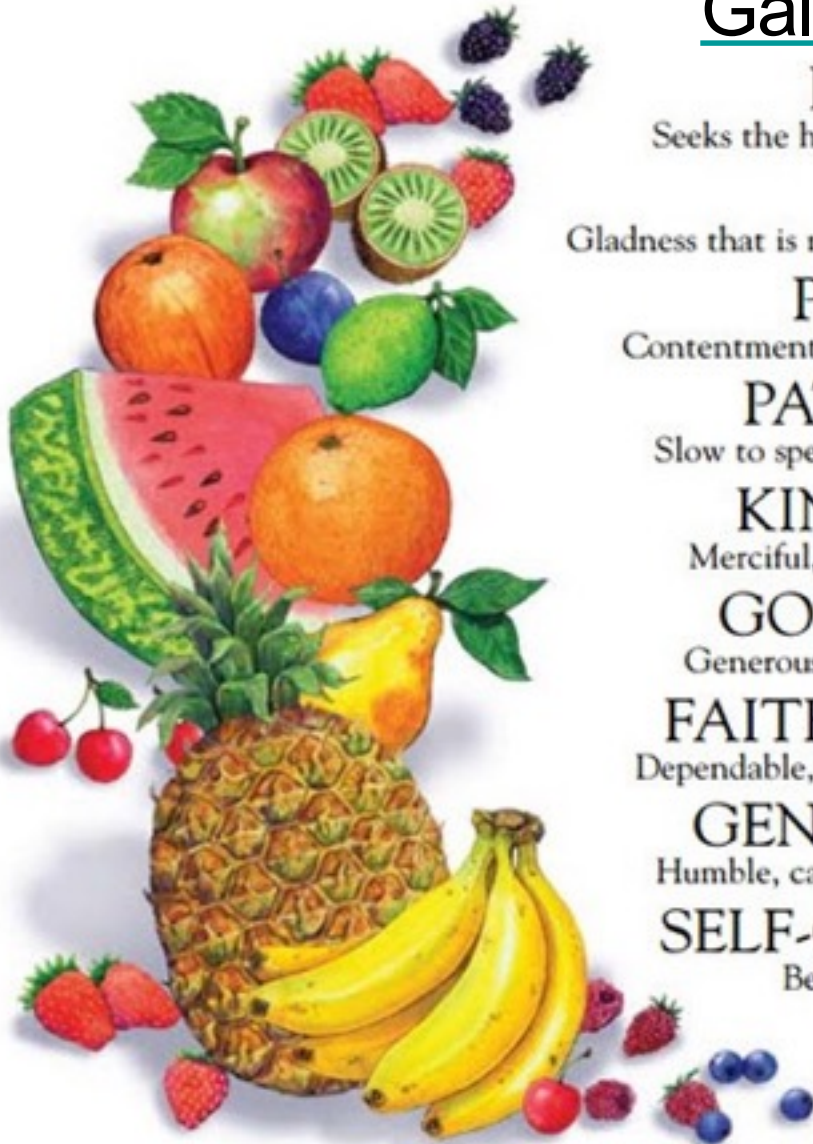
Dependable, loyal, and full of trust.

**GENTLENESS**

Humble, calm, non-threatening.

**SELF-CONTROL**

Behaving well.





# The Work of the Holy Spirit in you

- His fruit in you gives you values and attitudes to think from.



- He comforts you emotionally, when you grieve, or when hurt, **Isaiah 61:1-3; John 14:16,26**. He is the Comforter when alone.
- He builds you and strengthens:  
**Ephesians 6:10, Ephesians 3:16**

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- LOVE
  - BROTHERLY KINDNESS
  - GODLINESS
  - PERSEVERANCE
  - SELF-CONTROL
  - KNOWLEDGE
  - VIRTUE
  - FAITH

# MOVING ON UP

2 Peter 1:5-7

**In Christian Character**

# In Summary

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# Isaiah 61:1-3

- » The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;
- » To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn;
- » To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified

# John 14:16,26

- » 16: And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;
- » 26: But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you

# Ephesians 6:10,3:16

- » 6,10: Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.
- » 3,16: That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;

# 2 Peter 1 5:9

- » And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;
- » And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;
- » And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.
- » For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- » But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins



# Galatians 2:20

» *I am crucified with Christ:nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me:and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.*

# Ephesians 4:17-24

- » *This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind,*
- » *Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart:*
- » *Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.*
- » *But ye have not so learned Christ;*
- » *If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus:*
- » *That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;*
- » *And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;*
- » *And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.*

# Romans 12:1-2

- » *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.*
- » *And be not conformed to this world:but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*

# Psalm 119:9-11, 105

- » **9:** *Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word.*
- » **10:** *With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments.*
- » **11:** *Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.*
- » **105:** *Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.*

# Galatians 5:19-21

» *Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like:of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God*

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# Galatians 5:22-26

- » *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.*
- » *And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.*
- » *If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.*
- » *Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.*