

# James

## (8) Faith and Works, Pt 2

Gal 5:19-24

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### Good fruit versus evil works...Gal.5:16-24

What word does Paul use to describe *what is produced in/by the flesh*? Gal.5:19a

**He uses the word “deeds”. This word means to labor, to work. It’s the deeds of the flesh.**

In contrast, what word does he use to describe what is *produced by the Spirit*? 5:22a

**He uses the word “fruit”. This word means fruit; that which is yielded by the Spirit!**

What is absolutely true of *every* genuine believer? Rom.8:9

**Every Christian has the indwelling Spirit. If no Spirit then there is no genuine salvation.**

What’s another way of expressing this *Spirit presence* for the believer? II Cor.5:17

**Anyone who is in Christ (truly saved, by faith), is a new creation! Old passed, new comes!**

And what’s one thing the presence of the Spirit does for the believer? Gal.5:22a; Jn.13:34-35

**The fruit of the Spirit (not us) is LOVE (agape love). Godly love comes from Him.**

When that fruit (love) is in us, how does it demonstrate itself? 5:22-23

**As love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control!!**

And what do we call the *outward* (visible) demonstration of this fruit?

**It’s our good works / deeds. What we do with / by the power of the fruit of the Spirit.**

If this fruit of the Spirit is missing (no Godly works to show), what is James’ point? James 2:14

**That proclaimed faith is not genuine! Faith without good works is dead, i.e. false.**

### Consider the parable of the sower...Mt.13:18-23

What does Jesus say is true of the one receiving the Word as good soil? 13:23

**He produces a crop, period. Some 100, 60, or 30 times increase, but all produce a crop.**

What is the will of the Father for His children? Jn.15:5, 8; see Phil.1:8-11

**It is His will that His children bear much fruit. Done *only* by abiding in Him.**

So, in review, how does one get saved? Are works involved here? Eph.2:8-9

**Salvation is free to us. It’s by His grace, totally separated from anything we do.**

But once we’re saved, what happens. (what are we ‘created’ for?) Eph.2:10; Phil.1:8-11

**We’re created in Christ Jesus (born again) to do good works prepared for us to do!**

**Notes on fruit:** Real fruit has seed within to reproduce itself! Gen.1:12; 29 and fruit takes time!

**Fruit in the NT:** *Converts*, Rom.1:13, Jn.4:35-38; *Giving*, Rom.15:28; *Growth*, Col.1:10; *Praise*, Heb.13:15; *Fruit of the Spirit*, Gal.5:16-24

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