

PENINSULA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Fullness of Faith

Galatians 5:22-23, The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith/fulness, gentleness, self-control.

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We have been accumulating the fruit of God's love...

- *While adding to the sweetness & substance of His presence in us*

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The joy of being loved and becoming loving ushers us into...

- *The unhurried security of living that love together. That leads us to...*
- *Loving people with goodness of kindness like God does*

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He then leads us to faithfulness

- *Nothing **needs faithfulness** more than love*
- *And nothing **challenges faithfulness** more than love*

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Faithfulness = Full assurance of belief in Truth itself

- *Being trustworthy in it*

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Is there such a thing as partial faith?

- **No.** Faith is **nothing less than** fullness
- *Is there partial marriage or pregnancy?*

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It's either faith, or the absence of faith

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Faithfulness is the full assurance of belief

- *The absence of belief is unbelief*
 - *Unbelief separates from God*
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Hebrews 3:12-13, Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an **evil heart of unbelief** in departing from the living God.

- *God doesn't leave us. We leave God*

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*Full assurance of belief in **who**, or **what**?*

- *Is God? Or is God not?*
- *Who is God?*

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So, the issue is faithful, or faithless

- *Full of faith/belief, or void in unbelief*
- *Faithfulness or faithlessness*
- *There is no partial middle ground*

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Matthew 12:30, "Anyone who is not with Me is against Me"

- *That's true in faithfulness as well*

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Luke 6:35, "But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind/good to the unthankful and evil."

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II Timothy 2:13, If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself.

- *God is faithful in the love of joy, peace, patience, kindness & goodness to those who are not*
 - *No one else can corrupt His faithfulness*
 - *He calls us to join Him in His faithfulness*
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Matthew 22:37-39, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’

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John 13:34-35, “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

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Faithfulness is also seen as completing the assignment

- Faithful to not give up, no matter the difficulty
- Unfailing commitment to a friend or loved one
- Whether they love you back or not

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If we’re full of faith in God, what are we filled with?

- What do we believe so fully that we keep the pantry of our life filled with it?
- Filled in the faith of God’s love, with the fruit of His love

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How do we keep ourselves filled with it?

- We don’t wait for it to fall from the sky

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Matthew 5:6, “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.”

- A compelling desire for the good things of God in our life
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Matthew 7:7-8, “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.”

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Since God is love (I John 4:16), let’s start with the fruitful substance of His love

- The fruit of the Spirit is **love**, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith/fulness...
- Let’s commit to remaining filled with His **joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness**

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Before I leave the house in the morning I check to be sure I have what I need:

- Wallet, keys, money clip, daily meds, my coin & anything else for the day
- I’ve made it all the way here and realized... Oh, No! I left something at home
- Tuesday I wasn’t even to Soundview and remembered what I’d forgotten

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*Should we double check we have our **love, joy, peace, patience, kindness & goodness** to navigate our day with?*

- All of them are relational in nature, not singularly for our own benefit
- Are the fruit of His Spirit something we should not start our day without?

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I Thessalonians 5:23-24, Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it.