

## A Traveler's Guide: Fruit to Gospel Root

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Rom 1:16-17; Gal 5:19-25; Ps 56; 2 Cor 5:14-15; 1 Pet 5:6-10

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### What is the Gospel?

- Rom 1;16-17, Not a set of works but FAITH
- We have been saved from the penalty of sin because of Jesus' life and death
- We are being saved from the power of sin because of Jesus' resurrection
- We will be saved from the presence of sin because of Jesus' return
- Key element of Gospel Faith is IDENTITY in Christ Rom 3:21-25 what God has done
- Identity reminds me what God is doing in me by Faith: 2 Cor 5:21; Gal 2:20
- We too often live as unbelievers. Paul to Galatians 1:6-10
- Remember your identity and the power of the Gospel: Ephesians 1:3-7

### How to stay Gospel Fluent: Fruit to Root Exercise Gal 5:19-25

- **Four Questions to use in the heat of life:**
1. What am I doing or experiencing right now?
  2. In light of what I'm doing or experiencing, what do I believe about myself?
  3. What do I believe God is doing or has done?
  4. What do I believe God is like?

### Called to Examine our Heart (fruit):

- Psalm 56
- We need to CONFESS sin 1 Jn 1:9. Confess = *homo(same) logeo(mind)*
- When focus on action, not belief: Gal 3:3 we lose the Gospel
- Gospel Rom 1:16-17

### Faith is: Living in my Identity in Christ, not my feelings!

- Believing the Word of God (Heb 11:1; Rm 10:17)
- and acting upon it (Jms 1:23-25; Jn 3:36)
- no matter how I feel (Heb 11)
- knowing that God promises a good result (Heb 11:6; Rm 8:28-29)
- Paul Reminds us of this: 2 Cor 5:14-15 - our identity in Christ!
- Gospel: because of Jesus, the Father is not angry at you, it is finished!
- Gospel Result: you are now free to love others when they are not lovable
- Gospel deals with Shame: 1 Pet 5:6-10
  - we know our guilt is removed because of Christ
  - but we listen to lies of Satan and live with shame because we think we are still 2<sup>nd</sup> best...
  - Gospel: God won't unforgive what Christ has satisfied - Gospel means you are accepted in the Beloved! Eph 1:6

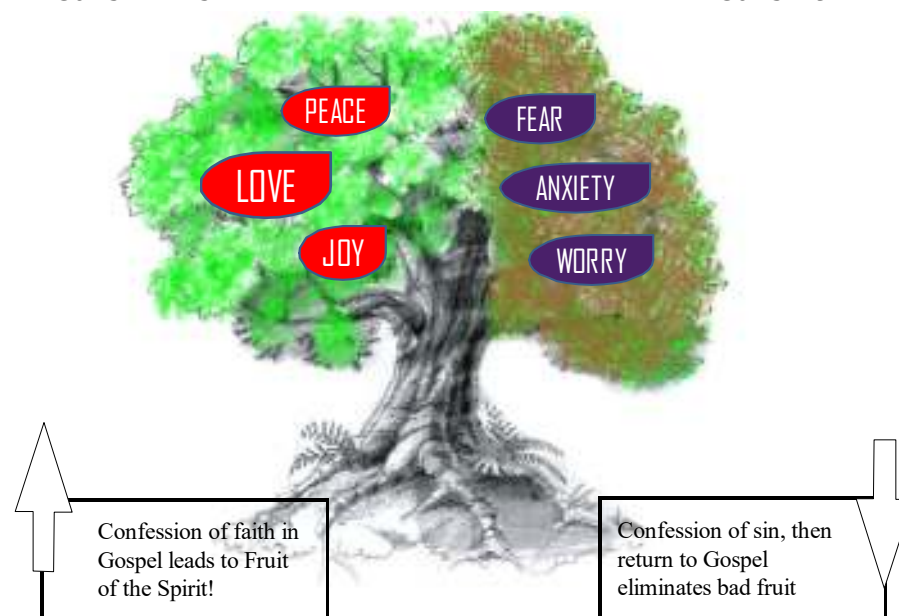
## Fruit to Root Exercise

Gospel Fluent

Gal 5:22-25

Gospel Unbelief

Gal 5:19-21



From Fruit to Root Exercise: discerning unbelief in the Gospel in my life. Let the love of Christ (Gospel) control you 2 Cor 5:14-15

Area of unbelief or Struggle---->	Write it out in all its gory details!
What am I doing or experiencing right now?	
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What do I believe God is like?	