

TODAY'S MESSAGE:

“The Fruit of the Spirit”

Sunday June 24, 2012

Romans 12:1-2



I. The Fruit of the Spirit – In THE KINGDOM OF GOD

“22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. 24 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. 25 Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.”

– Galatians 5:22-25

II. The Fruit of the Spirit – In MY LIFE

“1 Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. 2 Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is —his good, pleasing and perfect will.”

– Romans 12:1-2

The “clash” of two words: CONFORMATION vs. TRANSFORMATION

Application Points:

1. **What does this have to do with me?** Not Much... If YOU'RE STUCK IN COMPROMISE
2. **How do I apply this in my life?** REPENTANCE
 - ACKNOWLEDGE
 - ADMIT
 - GIVE HIM ROOM TO WORK
3. **What will happen?** MY LIFE WILL BE DIRECTED BY THE GRACE OF GOD

For Reflection / Action: What are some things in life that you have striven for but have yet to achieve? Do you have lofty goals for yourself? What are some Godly goals that you have or might strive toward? Can you see evidence of the Fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5) in your life? Which fruit is flourishing? Which fruit is “shriveling?” What must one have in order to demonstrate the Fruit of the Spirit? How does one “get” that? What factors in your life encourage you to “conform” to the patterns of the world? What is the difference between conformation and transformation? God transforms us by the power of His Holy Spirit working through His Word and Sacrament. How is God working through Word & Sacrament to transform you?