Fruits of the Spirit pt. 2

John 15:5 "I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.

Denominations faiths beliefs tie good works & devotion & traditions to their branches, but they are dead trees and they must continually keep tying new ideas & new deeds & new devotion as the old rot and fall off. They can do nothing!

UNLESS YOU ARE JOINED TO THE VINE, everything you do is tying good works to dead branches

John 15:8 "My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples.

The Living Branches of the One Living Vine are completely different.…

Gal. 5: 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,   23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

Romans 13:8 ...for he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law.

The FIRST sign of a group Joined to the Vine to produce Love from the Spirit is **ABSENCE of LAW**.

Acts 2:44 And all those who had believed were together and had all things in common;   45 and they began selling their property and possessions and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need. 46 Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart... **What NEED of RULES or Rituals? Why have RULES?**

1 Cor. 11:17 But in giving this instruction, I do not praise you, because you come together not for the better but for the worse. 18 For, in the first place, when you come together as a church, I hear that divisions exist among you; and in part I believe it.   It's not a lack of rules, but a lack of Love that destroys a congregation.

Thats why the FIRST fruit that must be produced by the Holy Spirit is LOVE

1. **LOVE** = agape   NOT close friendship or affection or emotional attachment. *philia*
                    NOT family bonds familiarity *storge*
                    it is a decision to show selfless, sacrificial, unconditional love
   John 15:13 "Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends.
   LAW is used to control selfish self centered actions against others. LOVE that is selfless needs no LAW.
2. **JOY** = the less **self** in your life, the less fear, guilt, doubt, anger, complaining, arguing = MORE JOY!
3. **PEACE** = end of "againstness" self wants to fight and covet and take. Love wants to give wanting nothing
4. **PATIENCE** = if the other person is more important than your "self" patience becomes easier simpler
5. **KINDNESS** = patience brings an understanding of ALL of our faults, bringing compassion & kindness
6. **GOODNESS** = An understanding of all our shared weaknesses of "self" allows doing GOOD for evil.
7. **FAITHFULNESS** = Without the "self" holding grudges & spites & vengeance, we can hold on to others.
8. **GENTLENESS** = we no longer try to control others, but let our compassion for others control us.
9. **SELF CONTROL** = We no longer have our weak fumbling will trying to control us, but Love guides us.

LOVE is only destroyed when our childish craving SELF is given control to get what it wants:
     getting more money or security or admiration, getting angry because not getting more, getting even!!

Anninias & Sapphira wanted more money and got nothing

Judas Iscariot wanted money and security in a new kingdom and got nothing.

The Pharisees craved money and job security and admiration and got nothing.

Jesus wanted NOTHING except to please the Father that Loves Him & Whom He Loves. What did He get?

How to we get what Annias & Sapphira & Judas & the Pharisees received? let self control you

How do we get what Jesus Christ received?   let love control your self

2 Cor 5:14 For the love of Christ controls us..

NOT the Love one has for Christ apart from Him we are nothing

It is the LOVE that Christ has for us & His Father. To have that same Love produced in us by the Holy Spirit
     slowly breaks down our selfish side and builds up our selfless side which actually brings us peace joy control