The Joy of Easter Sermon Series March 21, 2021 Sermon: The Joy of the Spirit: Galatians 5:19-23 Pastor Undra Parker, Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church - Anchorage, AK

Your flesh and your Spirit are going to produce something.

You are either under the control of the first list (Satan) or the second list (the Holy Spirit of God).

Look at this first list. Read verses 19-21.

These things ultimate lead to a dead end, a destiny separated from God for all eternity.

"Repentance is inward, afterwards outward fruit in a change of life."

Look at the second list; Read verses 22-23.

Fruit is a natural result of abiding in the vine - John 15:1-5. In the life of the believer, the Spirit always produces fruit, Matt. 7:20 The fruit of the Spirit is proof of one's salvation.

The true fruit of the Spirit is not just external acts and appearances.

The Joy of the Spirit is this: <u>God working on the inside to illuminate Himself on the outside of you.</u>

Let this be our cry, "Lord, work inside me to illuminate You on the outside of me!"

Stop bowing to the control of the flesh and submit to the control of the Spirit.

Joy in the Spirit means **humility** Matthew 23:12

Joy in the Spirit means **self-denial** Galatians 2:20

Acts 7:55

This is the Joy of the Spirit. And it causes you, like Steven, to look upward to the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him, endured the cross, and is seated at the right hand of the father in heaven.