

# ***The Fruit of the Spirit: Faithfulness***

*Various texts*

## ***What is Faithfulness?***

- *Pistis*: 3 main meanings
  - Faith: One's acceptance of the Gospel message and the committal of oneself to Christ as Savior and Lord
  - The Faith: The basic content of the Christian message
  - \*Faithfulness, fidelity: the quality of being true, trustworthy, and reliable in all one's dealings with others

## ***Our God is Faithful***

- God's faithfulness is a cornerstone for our faith in Him (1 Cor 1:9)
- When He says He will do something, we can trust Him to follow through (Isa 25:1)
- Jesus exemplifies faithfulness in His ministry to and for us (Heb 2:17)
- God's faithfulness is our foundation to stand up to temptation (1 Cor 10:13)

## ***Known for Our Faithfulness***

- God's faithfulness is our foundation to be faithful
  - It is the Spirit's work in us that helps us to be people who can be trusted
- Faithfulness is one of the highest compliments that God gives those who serve Him (Matt. 25:21)
  - God tests our faithfulness in order to entrust us with greater responsibilities
- When we have failed in our trustworthiness, we often feel compelled to add weight to our commitments (Jas 5:12)
  - This shows a lack of character and can lead to sin

## ***Our Unfailing God***

- The good news is that even when we fail to be faithful, God's faithfulness never fails (2 Tim 2:13)

## ***So What?***

- Are we known for our faithfulness?
- Are we letting the Spirit work in us to make us reliable for others?

***Meditation Verse:*** 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24