

How the Spirit Works In and Through Believers

The Fruit of the Spirit

LOVE

JOY

PEACE

PATIENCE

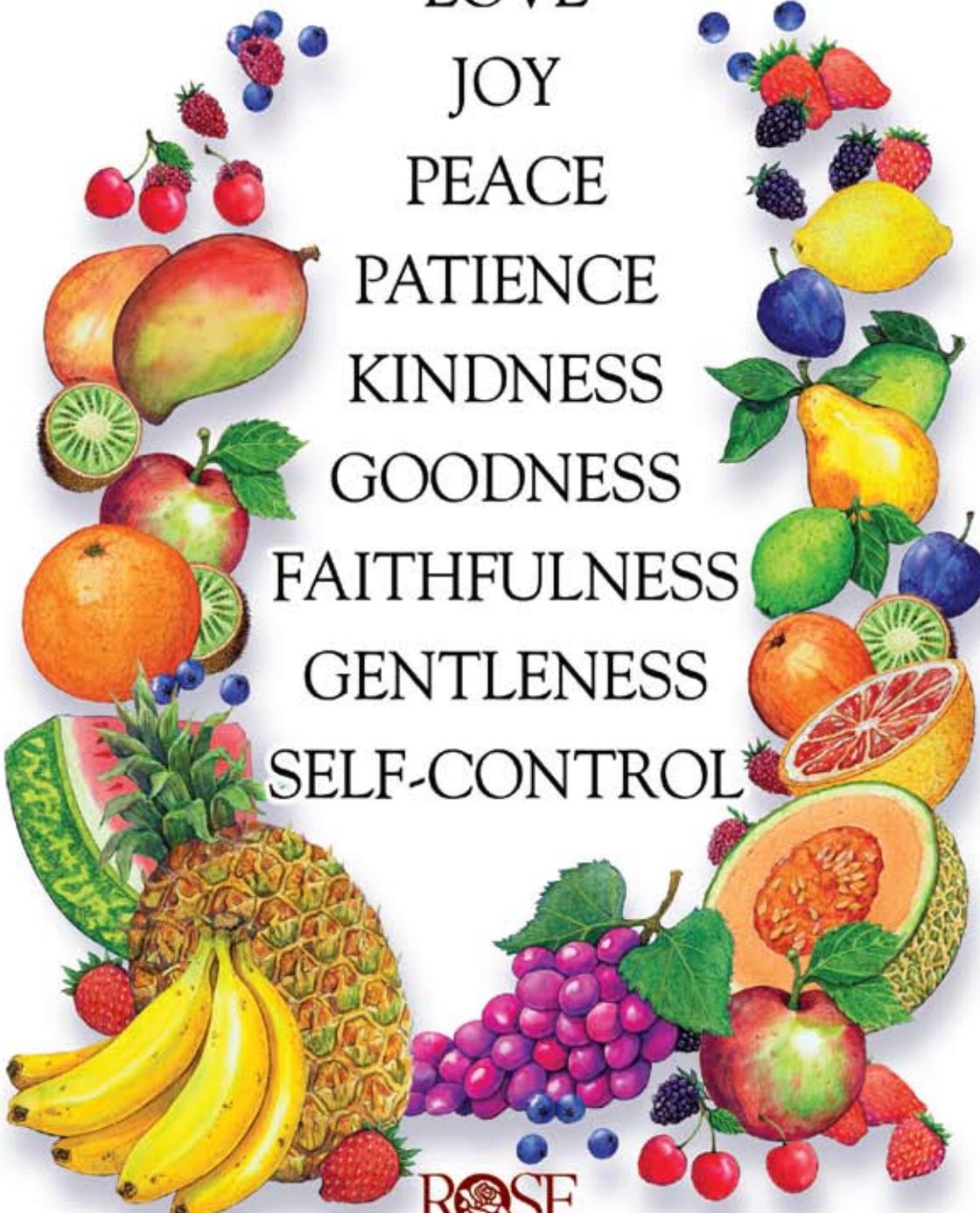
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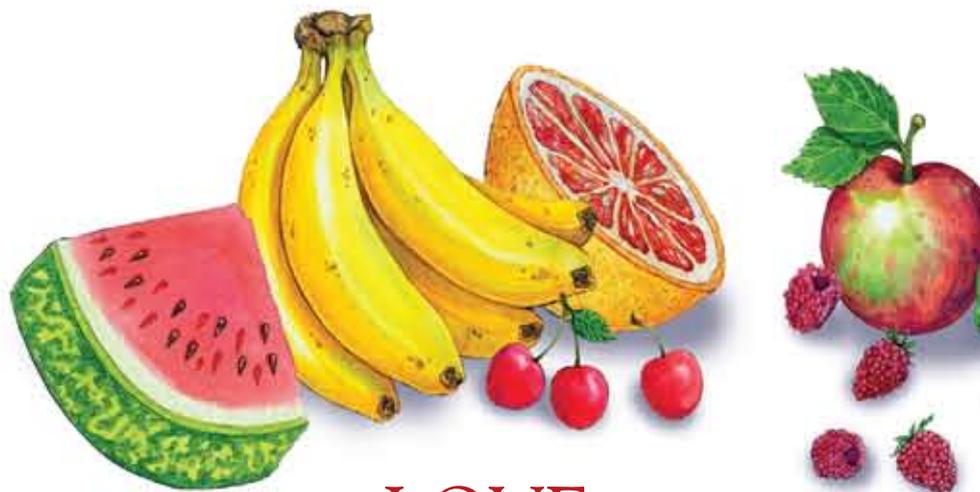
FAITHFULNESS

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LOVE

Seeks the highest good of others

Definition

Love is not based on emotions or feelings. It is a decision to be committed to the well being of others without any conditions or circumstances.

Exemplified in Jesus

For God so **loved** the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

Jesus said: "As the Father has **loved me**, so have I **loved** you. Now remain in my **love**." (John 15:9)

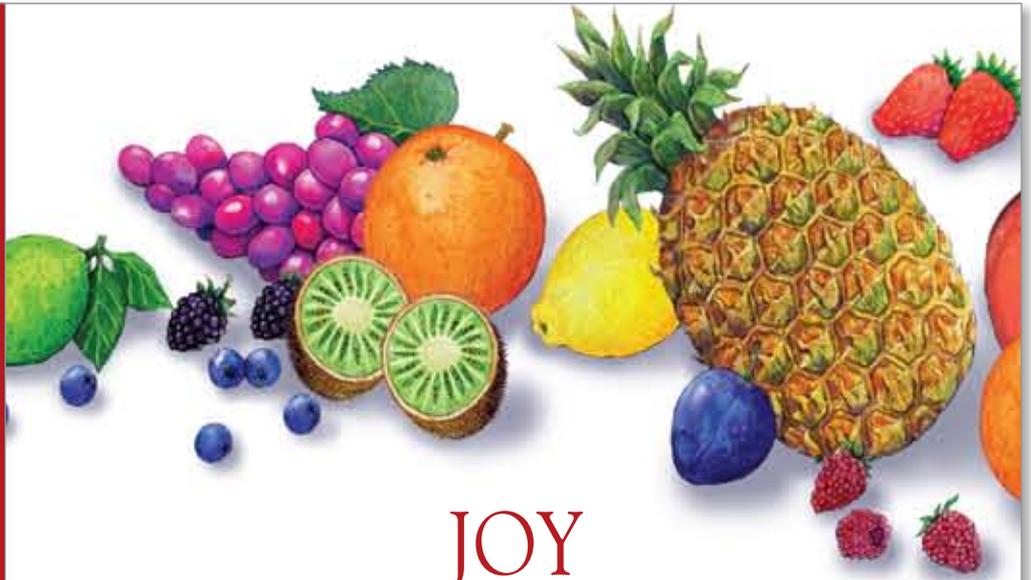
Jesus said, "My command is this: **Love** each other as I have **loved** you. Greater **love** has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command." (John 15:12-14)

Other Scripture References

Dear friends, let us **love** one another, for **love** comes from God. Everyone who **loves** has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not **love** does not know God, because God is **love**. This is how God showed his **love** among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is **love**: not that we **loved** God, but that he **loved** us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so **loved** us, we also ought to **love** one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we **love** one another, God lives in us and his **love** is made complete in us. (1 John 4:7-12)

Greek Word

αγαπη: **agape** (pronounced ah-gah-pey)



JOY

Gladness not based on circumstances

Definition

Joy is more than happiness. It is not based on financial success, good health, or popularity. By believing in God, obeying his will, receiving his forgiveness, participating in fellowship with other believers, ministering to others, and sharing the Gospel, believers will experience **joy**.

Exemplified in Jesus

At that time Jesus, full of **joy** through the Holy Spirit, said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this was your good pleasure." (Luke 10:21)

Jesus said: "I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my **joy** within them." (John 17:13)

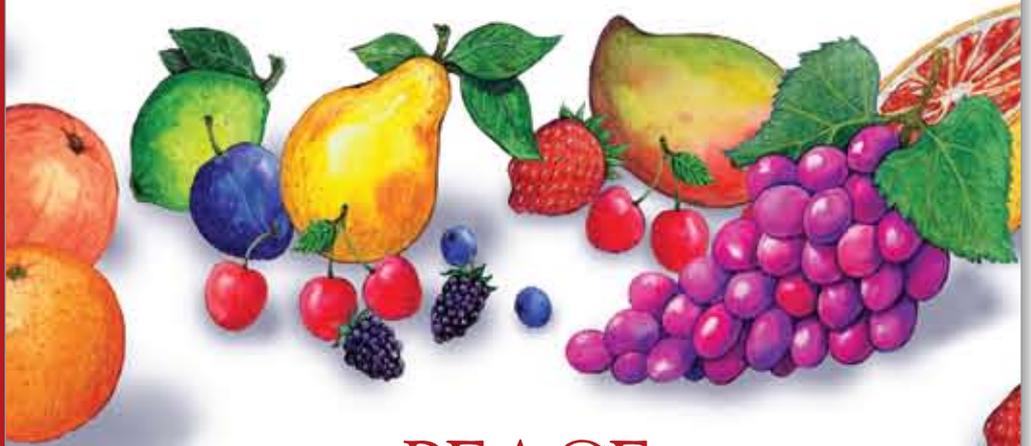
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Jesus said: "Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will **rejoice**, and no one will take away your **joy**. In that day you will no longer ask me anything. I tell you the truth, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your **joy** will be complete." (John 16:22-24)

Though you have not seen him [Jesus], you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious **joy**, for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls. (1 Peter 1:8, 9)

Greek Word

χαρά: **chara** (pronounced **kah-rah**)



PEACE

Contentment, unity between people

Definition

Peace is a state of assurance, lack of fear, and sense of contentment. It is fellowship, harmony, and unity between individuals. Peace is freedom from worry, disturbance, and oppressive thoughts.

Exemplified in Jesus

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of *Peace*.
Of the increase of his government and *peace* there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this. (Isaiah 9:6, 7)

Other Scripture References

Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to *peace* and to mutual edification. (Romans 14:19)

For God is not a God of disorder but of *peace*. (1 Corinthians 14:33)

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the *peace* of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:6, 7)

Greek Word

ειρηνη: *eirene* (pronounced eh-rey-ney)