



It's show week and our Tuesday Homeschool class has prepared a beautiful retelling of Snow White just for you! Amy Martin and Joyanna Martion, our director and musical director, have come up with creative ways to reimagine one of our favorite plays, and with choreography by Cana Park and Karena Wilson, it's sure to be one of your new fairytale favorites. Mylanie Boone, one of our STP interns, has served as assistant director and TTAs Nia, Karena Wilson, Cana Park, Miles Park, Melanie Martin and Haven Clark have done an excellent job organizing everything behind the scenes. Don't miss Snow White - there are three show and tickets are available now at www.ticketspiritualtwist.com.

Snow White features one of my favorite spiritual twists that is based on a passage from Paul's letter to the Galatians. I'm sure you may have guessed from the picture, and you would be right - it's Galatians 5:22-23 - the fruits of the spirit. Many of you may have the fruits of the spirit memorized, especially if you have been in Snow White before, but I'll remind you of what they are: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

The interesting thing about these verses is that they come at the end of chapter five. It's as if Paul is closing his thoughts on something by reminding the reader of how we should live. It's important to look back and see why Paul thought that this list was important to review. If we go back to the beginning of chapter 5, and even farther, we see that Paul has been talking about freedom in Christ. But he cautions the Galatians, and all of us who take the time to read the whole letter, that freedom in Christ doesn't mean living however we want to live.

Paul says very clearly in Galatians 5:13 that we are called to live in Christ's freedom, and that we should use that freedom not to satisfy ourselves, but to serve one another in love. As brothers and sisters in Christ, we are called to set aside our desires, and look beyond ourselves for how we might reach out to others. What does this look like? Truth in action! If we are called to be set apart by the truth of God found in the Bible, then we need to be doers of the word and not hearers only.

Paul places them at the end of the chapter to show us how freedom in Christ should work. It's a simple checklist to remind of us of our calling in Christ, and it shows that we are loved enough by God to tell us exactly what we should do. There is freedom in the reminder, just as there is freedom in forgiveness when we ask! Isn't it a blessing to be loved...especially loved enough to have a list!

KEY VERSE: But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Galatians 5:22-23