

Study: Galatians

Text: Galatians 5:16-21

“WALKING IN THE SPIRIT, NOT THE FLESH”

Last week considered in v. 13-15 that our Christian liberty is not the freedom to *indulge* the flesh, nor is it the freedom to *ignore* the law. Thirdly, Christian freedom is not the freedom to *injure* others.

I. The Flesh and the Spirit (5:16-21)

Paul Chappell – God did not create man to live in sin. He created us to abide in Him through His indwelling Spirit.

Ephesians 1:13 In **Whom** ye also *trusted*, after that ye [*having*] heard the Word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in **Whom** also after that ye [*having*] believed, ye were sealed with that **Holy Spirit** of promise,

John 16:13 Howbeit when **He**, the **Spirit of Truth**, is come, **He** will guide you into all truth: for **He** shall not speak of **Himself**; but whatsoever **He** shall hear, *that* shall **He** speak: and **He** will shew you things to come.

Romans 8:14 For as many as are led by the **Spirit of God**, they are the sons of **God**.

The question for us then is, “Are we following His leading?”

A. The _____ (v. 16)

Gal 5:16 *This* I say then, “Walk in the **Spirit**, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.”

1. The _____ to Walk in the Spirit (v. 16a)
2. The _____ of Walking in the Spirit (v. 16b)

The “*flesh*” is the part in each of us that serves sin.

B. The _____ (v. 17)

1. The Flesh _____ the Spirit (v. 17)

Romans 8:8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please **God**.

Romans 7:18-19 For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will [*the desire*] is present with me; but *how* to perform [*the ability*] that which is good I find not. **19** For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do.

2. The Flesh _____ Death (v. 19-21)

“...that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of **God**.” –The phrase, “*they which do*” speaks of the _____ of one’s life that is continual and habitual.

Paul is not saying that people who have committed these sins cannot be saved, but he is saying that those whose lives are habitually characterized by these fleshly works simply are not saved.

C. The _____ (v. 18)

Cf. Romans 7:24-25

1. The Spirit’s _____—are you _____ Him?

Romans 8:12-13 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. **13** For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.

2. The _____ is hungry—are you _____ it? (**Romans 13:14**)

Paul Chappell – The most effective way for a Christian to oppose the desires and deeds of the flesh is to starve them to death, to “make no provision for the flesh” in regard to its lusts.

What is my next step? For next week (Galatians 5:22-23)

(*Put off*) What must I put off that is both hinder my walk with Christ or someone else’s?

(*Renew your mind*) What qualities or Words of Christ must I meditate upon?

(*Put on*) What qualities of Christ must I seek to have as a characteristic of my life?

What Is My Next Step?

Hearing — Giving *attention* to God's Word with the intent to obey it – James 1:21-25
Doing — Making *application* of God's Word to be more like Christ – Eph. 4:22-24

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1. What did God show **me** that **I** must confess and forsake because it does not reflect Christ and hurts **my** relationship with Him and others? (***Put OFF***)

2. What did God show **me** about Himself in this text? (***Renew***)
 - a. What is He like?
 - b. What does He like?
 - c. What does He dislike?

3. What does God say to me in this text? (***Renew***)
 - a. What command to obey?
 - b. What promise to claim?
 - c. What principle to apply (*If I do _____, then God will do _____*)?

 - d. What example to follow?

4. What verse(s) should **I** memorize and meditate upon through-out this week to help make **my** change lasting? (***Renew***)

5. In light of what I have heard from God,... (***Put ON***)
 - a. What character quality of Jesus must **I** demonstrate *with God's help* this week?
 - b. In what situations will **I** most likely be tempted not to respond in a Christ-like way?
 - c. How can **I** get ready for those situations? (*If I don't have a plan for change, it probably won't happen.*)

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