

Study: Galatians

Text: Galatians 5:24-26

“THE FRUITFUL, SPIRIT-FILLED LIFE”

*Christian liberty* is the freedom to live our lives in the power of the Holy Spirit thus empowering us to have victory over our flesh.

Christian living that is ruled by law is *legalism*. Christian living that is ruled by the flesh is *license*. Christian living that is ruled by love is *liberty*.

Christian liberty, when rightly implemented, is a **denial of self, a devotion to God, with a devotion to serve others**. It resists the temptation to serve our self while revealing a servant’s heart of love for the Master, seeking to obey Him in all things while expressing itself in loving service for others.

### I. Remember the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Fruitful Christian (v. 24)

Paul begins here by reminding the believer of his *position* in Christ. He is helping us to *renew* our mind with truth in order to stabilize us against the power of sin. (cf. Romans 12:2)

**Galatians 2:20** I am crucified with **Christ**: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but **Christ** liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the **Son of God, Who** loved me, and gave **Himself** for me.

**Warren Wiersbe** – Christ not only died *for* me, but *I died with Christ*. Christ died for me to remove the *penalty* of my sin, but I died with Christ to break sin’s *power*.

Remember that the believer is under new ownership.

**1 Corinthians 6:19-20** What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the **Holy Ghost** *which is* in you, which ye have of **God**, and ye are not your own? **20** For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God’s.

Cf. Ephesians 2:13; Romans 6:6 & 11

**Romans 8:13** 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.

It is imperative that we remember our *position* “*in Christ*.” Our “*flesh*” has been crucified and therefore we have victory over our “*flesh with the affections and lusts*.”

### II. Realize the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Fruitful Christian (v. 25)

**Romans 13:14** But put ye on the **Lord Jesus Christ**, and make not provision for the flesh, to *fulfill* the lusts *thereof*.

It is important to keep in mind that fruit grows the best in an environment suited to fruit-bearing. Our environment or influences are key.

Remember that our greatest influences must be: the \_\_\_\_\_ of God; the \_\_\_\_\_ of God; and the people of God.

Consider also Christ’s example of submission (John 8:28-29).

**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.

### III. Reveal the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Fruitful Christian (v. 26)

Our goal is to be fruit bearers. Part of the process of cultivating fruit is pulling out the weeds. Weeds hinder growth and sap the strength out of a tree.

A. He is \_\_\_\_\_—“*not desirous of vain glory*”

Notice in James 4:16 what God calls our “*boasting*.”

Our humility will evidence itself in the fruitful behavior (**Ephesians 4:32; Romans 12:15**).

B. He is \_\_\_\_\_—“*not provoking one another*”

**James 3:14-16** But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. **15** This wisdom descendeth NOT from above, but *is* earthly, sensual, devilish. **16** For where envying and strife *is*, there *is* confusion and every evil work.

C. He is \_\_\_\_\_—“*not envying one another*”

#### What is my next step?

(*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?

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“SERVING OTHERS, NOT SELF”

**For next week consider “Serving Others” in our Christian life.**

In these first 10 verses we see the practical nature of our fruitfulness, specifically in how we interact with each other. Read over Galatians 6:1-10 and meditate upon how we are called to “serve others.”

Q: Consider the restoration ministry we are called to. Read 2 Corinthians 5:18 and think about your “*ministry of reconciliation*.”

Q: In v. 2-5 we are called to serve others by “*fulfilling the Law of Christ*.” What characteristics are necessary in my life? Consider the characteristic emphasized in John 13:34 & John 15:12.

Q: Compare Galatians 6:3-4 with Romans 12:3. What are we called to do?

Q: In Galatians 6:8 what strong warning is given?

## 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

Date:\_\_\_\_\_ Text:\_\_\_\_\_ Speaker:\_\_\_\_\_

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 SIN**)
2. What did God show **me** about Himself in this text? (**Renew your mind**)
  - 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 your mind**)
  - 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 your mind**)
5. In light of what **I** have heard from God,... (**Put ON CHRIST**)
  - 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.*)

*OUR MISSION: Passionately Serve God & Compassionately Serve Others—  
ALL to the Glory of GOD*