



IN STEP WITH THE SPIRIT | GALATIANS SERIES

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SERMON SUMMARY

Attempting to earn salvation by the law is enslavement, but unrestrained sin itself, is enslavement as well. Our culture likes to say things are complicated or nuanced. We have religious leaders that love to say that they don't know if something is a sin. But this isn't helpful. And it isn't loving to leave people confused in their sin.

Jeremiah 17:9 tells us the heart is deceitful and desperately sick. Following the Spirit is not following your heart. Paul instructs us that freedom in Christ should produce a specific sort of fruit in our lives. Following the Spirit leads to the fruit of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control, which should be evident in the life of a Christian.

SCRIPTURE READING

Read This Week's Bible Passage: Galatians 5:16 – 5:24 (ESV)

¹⁶ But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

Bible Passage Questions

What stood out to you in this passage? Did the Lord highlight anything to you?

Read the passage again (use a different translation if helpful). What do we learn about the heart of God from this passage?

DISCUSSION

Discuss these Questions with Your Group

1. What is the difference between following your heart and following the Holy Spirit?
2. How can we cultivate more fruit of the Spirit in our lives?

PRAYER

Take some time for prayer requests and pray over one another before wrapping up.