

Spiritual Warfare in the Last Days Part 5, The Battle Between The Flesh and The Spirit

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Galatians 5:16-17 & 19-21

Galatians 5:16 Amplified Bible Classic Edition

But I say, walk and live [habitually] in the [Holy] Spirit [responsive to and controlled and guided by the Spirit]; then you will certainly not gratify the cravings and desires of the flesh (of human nature without God).

1. To walk or live in the Holy Spirit.
2. To start living in the Spirit is to seek God through reading and studying the Bible and prayer.
3. Only through the Spirit and by the Spirit's power can Christians live for God and not fulfill the desires of their sinful nature.

Galatians 5:17 Amplified Bible

For the sinful nature has its desire which is opposed to the Spirit, and the [desire of the] Spirit opposes the sinful nature; for these [two, the sinful nature and the Spirit] are in direct opposition to each other [continually in conflict], so that you [as believers] do not [always] do whatever [good things] you want to do.

1. Our sinful or the flesh did not go away when we made Jesus the Lord of our lives or when we got saved.
2. As a believer in the Lord, there will always be a battle between our old nature and the Spirit until we die or when Jesus comes back.

Romans 8:5-8 (Amplified Bible)

⁵ For those who are living according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh [which gratify the body], but those who are living according to the Spirit, [set their minds on] the things of the Spirit [His will and purpose]. ⁶ Now the mind of the flesh is death [both now and forever—because it pursues sin]; but the mind of the Spirit is life and peace [the spiritual well-being that comes from walking with God—both now and forever]; ⁷ the mind of the flesh [with its sinful pursuits] is actively hostile to God. It does

not submit itself to God's law, since it cannot,⁸ and those who are in the flesh [living a life that caters to sinful appetites and impulses] cannot please God.

Romans 8:10-11 (Amplified Bible)

¹⁰ If Christ lives in you, though your [natural] body is dead because of sin, your spirit is alive because of righteousness [which He provides].¹¹ And if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead lives in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit, who lives in you.

Romans 8:12-13 (Amplified Bible)

¹² So then, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation, but not to our flesh [our human nature, our worldliness, our sinful capacity], to live according to the [impulses of the] flesh [our nature without the Holy Spirit]—¹³ for if you are living according to the [impulses of the] flesh, you are going to die. But if [you are living] by the [power of the Holy] Spirit you are habitually putting to death the sinful deeds of the body, you will [really] live forever.

1. Jesus paid the price for our sins. We are obligated to serve Him, not our flesh or old nature.
2. If we decide to live according to our old nature, we will die spiritually, and if we do not repent, we will die in our sins.
3. However, if we decide to live according to the Spirit and habitually put to death the old nature by or through the Spirit, we will live.