

Key Scriptures:

Ephesians 4:22-24

Romans 7:14-21

1 Corinthians 8:9

Romans 12:1-2

1 Peter 2:16

Matthew 22:37-40

Romans 8:5

2 Corinthians 5:17

1 Corinthians 9:19

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Last week we talked about how, by grace, we who were once unworthy are now invited to sit at the Lord's Table. We are invited just as we are, and the only thing we have to do is to accept Jesus as our Savior. But when we are genuine in this faith commitment, our life begins to take a different shape, because the Holy Spirit is now in us to guide our decision making. It creates an interesting spiritual conflict in us, and it's what Paul talks about in Galatians 5.

What we must contemplate in our transformation:

1. Contemplate the _____ and _____.

1 Peter 2:16 NIV

Live as free people, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as God's slaves.

2. Contemplate the _____ of _____.

Romans 8:5 NIV

Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires.

3. Contemplate how each _____.

2 Corinthians 5:17 NIV

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

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HALLENGE: Take some time this week to examine scripture that discusses Christian liberty, or freedom. Write down some takeaways from each of those passages. Then write down two reflections: one considering how you used to view freedom, and one describing what your new understanding entails. Did your mindset or understanding change? Commit this to prayer.

