

THE BOOK OF

# GALATIANS

*FREEDOM THROUGH CHRIST*

## Spirit-Filled Life

**GALATIANS 5:16-26**

**January 21, 2024**

Do you ever feel like a hypocrite as a Christian? Especially when we realize that as a Christian, we are just as sinful or perhaps more sinful than others in the world? It's a question that most Christians wrestle with at some time. Today we're going to see how Paul discusses this reality. The fact is that Christians will always have an internal war between the flesh and the Spirit. The real question is how can we make sure we get in line with the Spirit and what is the fruit of the Spirit in our lives?



**WAYPOINT  
CHURCH**

Know Where You're Going.

# Order Of Worship

## Welcome and Announcements

## Call to Worship

### **From Romans 5**

**Leader:** *Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

**All:** *Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.*

**Leader:** *The hope of the Gospel does not put us to shame.*

**All:** *Because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.*

## Songs of Praise

***All Creatures of Our God and King  
Come People of the Risen King***

## Offering

## Confession of Sin

*Merciful God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - we come to you in humble repentance. Father, we have resisted your love for us and spurned your commands. Lord Jesus, we have often failed to follow you as our king and to rejoice in gratitude for your grace. Holy Spirit, we have often ignored your presence and sought to live life through our own power. In your mercy Lord God, forgive us, cleanse us and empower us to live life in fellowship with you and by the power of your grace. Amen.*

## Assurance of Pardon

**Romans 8:13-17**

## Song of Declaration

**Good, Good Father**

## Confession of Faith

**Heidelberg Catechism #74**

Q. *Should infants also be baptized?*

A. *Yes. Infants as well as adults are included in God's covenant and people, and they, no less than adults, are promised deliverance from sin through Christ's blood and the Holy Spirit who produces faith. Therefore, by baptism, the sign of the covenant, they too should be incorporated into the Christian church and distinguished from the children of unbelievers.*

*This was done in the Old Testament by circumcision,  
which was replaced in the New Testament by baptism.*

Pastoral Prayer

Children's Message

Sermon

***Spirit-Filled Life***

*Galatians 5:16-26*

*Pastor James Brignac*

Song of Response

***Great Are You Lord***

Benediction

# Sermon Notes

## War

**What is a common misconception about the Christian life?**

**What are we called to do in this passage?**

*Martin, you will never be completely without sin, because you still have the flesh. Therefore you will always be aware of its conflict, according to the statement of Paul: 'The desires of the flesh are abasing the Spirit.' Do not despair, therefore, but fight back, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. – **Martin Luther***

*Romans 7:15*

**Who is Paul talking to and why does it matter?**

## Victory

**What does Paul mean by "desires" in Galatians 5:16?**

*...idolatry is the characteristic and summary OT word for our drift from God, then desires is the characteristic and summary NT word for that same drift. The NT merges the concept of idolatry and the concept of inordinate, life ruling desires...for lust, craving, yearning, and greedy demand. – **David Powlison***

***What is the promise found in Galatians 5:16?***

***What relationship does Paul highlight?***

*1 Corinthians 10:13*

*Romans 6:6-7*

## Fruit

***What does Paul say about bearing fruit?***

***What is different about fruit of Spirit and flesh?***

***How can we be sure we can do what God calls us to do?***

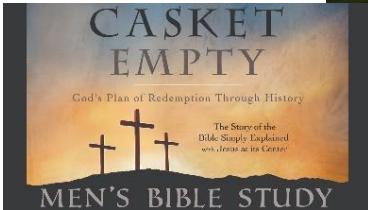
# Announcements

Sunday, January 21  
2:00 – 4:30 PM  
RSVP to Paster James



Tuesday, January 23  
6:00 PM  
Anejo's Cocina - Nocatee

Feb 10 at 10:00 AM  
Registration open



Every other Tuesday  
7:00 PM  
Led by Matt Kodatt

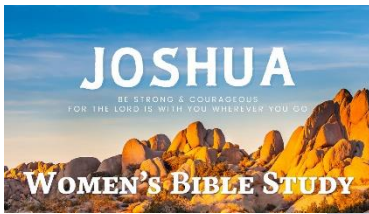
Every other Wednesday  
6:00 PM  
Led by Kasey Bushman



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LEARNING TO LIVE BY FAITH

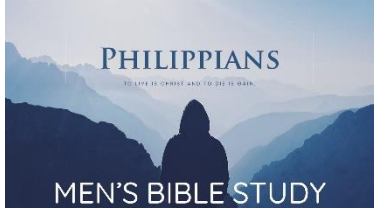


**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**



Every other Wednesday  
10:00 AM  
At Valerie Thompson's home

Every Wednesday  
10:00 AM  
Led by Steve Jacques



Sundays at 6:30 PM  
at Waypoint Church

Every Friday at 8:00 AM  
Via Video-conference  
Contact Carl Hill for details





## Discussion Questions

1. How would you respond to someone who claims all Christians are hypocrites?
2. Read Romans 7:13-20. What does Paul tell us about the relationship between flesh and Spirit?
3. Did you struggle with believing you need to be perfect as a Christian?
4. Read 1 Corinthians 10:13. What is the promise? Have you experienced this truth in your life?
5. Which fruit of the Spirit is exhibited most in your life? Which would you like to see more of in the future?
6. How can you "walk by the Spirit" more in your daily life?