

Walk by the Spirit notes.docxWalk by the Spirit notes.docxSpirit

Galatians 5:14-26

- I. Review: Galatians 5:13
 - a. Freedom in Christ—freedom from bondage to sin/law
 - i. Law a shadow of good things to come—Heb. 10:7, 10
 - ii. Law a tutor—Gal. 3
 - iii. Christ fulfilled the law—Heb. 10:10
 - b. Don't turn freedom into opportunity for the flesh
 - i. Base of operations to sin freely
 1. Already possessed that—Judges 17:6; 21:25
 - a. Do what was right in their own eyes
 - b. Moses previously condemned—Deut. 12:8
 - c. Christ didn't have to die to provide that
- II. Two fears
 - a. Legalism—believing we are still under the law/must keep it
 - b. Libertinism—abuse of our freedom in Christ
 - c. Both are about us—we find them attractive
 - i. Give me a list—I can work with that
 - ii. I can do what I want—I've been forgiven
 - iii. Two streams—Legalism, libertinism
 - iv. Bridge of Gospel
- III. Gal. 5:14—Love your neighbor as yourself
 - a. Carrying-out of the law—faith working through love
- IV. Bite and devour
 - a. Bite—with teeth, wound to soul
 - b. Devour—eat up, like a scavenger bird
 - c. Devoured—different Greek word—consumed, expended, destroyed
 - d. Battle waging—conflict vs. 15 a picture of wild animals attacking each other.
 - e. How can they return to love and unity—Phil. 2:1-4
- V. Walk by the Spirit—Holy Spirit
 - a. Walk—called to holy living—1 Peter 1:14-16
- VI. Conflict—flesh vs. Spirit—Rom. 7:14-25
 - a. Holy Spirit
 - b. Old nature—body neutral—unredeemed humanness
 - c. Only a conflict in believers—unbelievers do not have the Spirit
- VII. Practice—Gal. 5:2

- a. Present tense—ongoing activity—unrepentant pattern—habitual
 - b. As believers we will still sin—difference, convicted by Holy Spirit, seek forgiveness
 - c. Cannot simply will to overcome deeds of flesh or produce fruit
- VIII. Deeds of the flesh—not exhaustive
- a. Sins of sensuality (sexuality)
 - i. Immorality—porneia—excessive indulgence—outside of God’s design
 - ii. Impurity—uncleanness-physical, spiritual, religious, moral
 - iii. Sensuality—wantonness—debauchery—total loss of shame—Sodom
 - b. Sins of superstition
 - i. Idolatry—human crafted items—anything/one who we put before God
 - ii. Sorcery-pharmekia—use of drugs, spells—common in NT era; forbidden—Deut. 12:8
 - c. Social sins
 - i. Enmities—hostile—continually defiant
 - ii. Strife—quarrelsome
 - iii. Jealousy—good quality used in wrong sense—zeal, passion
 - iv. Outbursts of anger—hot anger, acting on impulse
 - v. Disputes—selfish-ambition, self-seeking
 - vi. Dissentions—standing apart, fall away, persuade
 - vii. Factions—to take/win, heresy, destroy like leaven
 - viii. Drunkenness—intoxication—excesses, not sober-minded living
 - ix. Carousing—revelry, wild celebrations
 - x. Things like these—Rom. 1:24-32; 1 Cor. 6:9-10; Col. 3:5-8; examples
 - xi. If we practice—remember definition
- IX. Vs. 24—Crucified the flesh—past tense already achieved
- X. Fruit of Spirit—not exhaustive—singular—all will be produced
- a. Love—unconditional—who God is—1 Cor. 13; Matt 25:35-36
 - b. Joy—rejoicing—rises from grace—gratitude
 - c. Peace—serenity—ability to find peace, make peace
 - d. Kindness—treating others gently
 - e. Goodness-genuine sweetness of character, wanting to do good
 - f. Faithfulness—full of faith, loyalty, steadfast, trustworthy
 - g. Gentleness—meekness—humility, grace of soul
 - h. Self-control—power to restrain our passions and desires
- XI. Live by Spirit—Walk by Spirit—if living by the spirit is our real life, it should also be our way of life
- XII. What man needs is a change of heart from the inside out