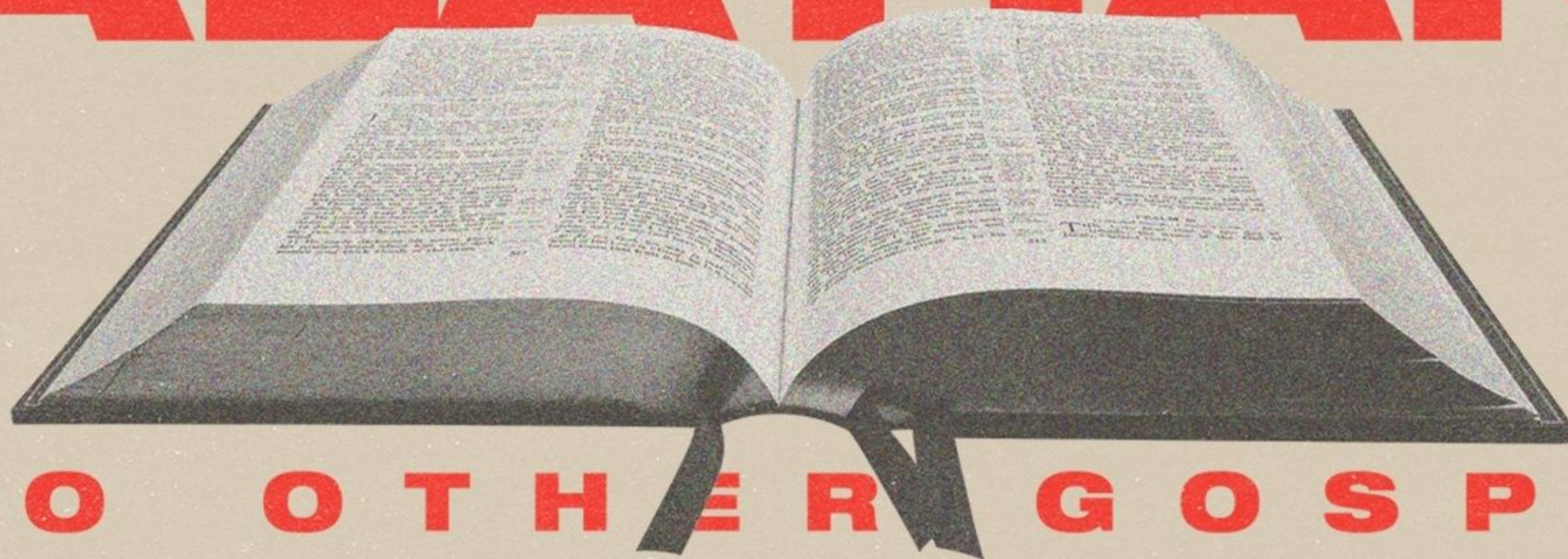


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A Short Review

Galatians 2:21 (NASB95)

21 “I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness comes through the Law, then Christ died needlessly.”

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1 Corinthians 15:10 (NASB95)

10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me did not prove vain; but I labored even more than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of God with me.

A Short Review

χάρις — charis
= grace, favor



χάρισμα — charisma
= a gift resulting from grace



χαρίσματα — charismata
= gifts of grace

A Short Review

Grace saves me.

Grace equips me.

Grace flows through me to others.

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Last time I spoke I gave an illustration of what it is like to walk in the Spirit which is synonymous to me with the phrase, walk in grace.

It was of a sailing ship with a full wind in it's sails.

Remember wind is one of the symbols of the Holy Spirit.





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Introduction

We have a command to walk by the Spirit.

1. Paul does not say to “try harder”.
2. Victory over the flesh does not come by greater self-effort. We know that doesn't work.
3. Victory comes by daily surrender to the Holy Spirit which is the foundation of walking in grace.

Introduction

He does not say, “Concentrate on fighting the flesh,”
He says, “Concentrate on walking by the Holy Spirit.”

The Christian life is not one dramatic decision to follow the Spirit; it is thousands of small decisions to follow Him.

Who is directing my next step - the Spirit or my flesh.”

Spirit



1. Communication With God
2. Conscience

Flesh



1. Physical Senses
2. Appetites

Soul

Spirit



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2. Conscience



1. Intellect
2. Emotions
3. Will

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I. Walk - There is a direction to follow.

Gal. 5:16 - But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.

You do not defeat the flesh by staring at the flesh. You defeat the flesh by following the Spirit.

I. Walk - There is a direction to follow.

Walk by the Spirit is a command not a suggestion.

There is a positive correlation in doing so - “and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.”

This means it works in all situations.

If it seems to not work the problem is not with God but somewhere on our side.

That means careful, honest evaluations should identify where we have fallen short and indicate how we can have the victory promised.

II. War - There is a battle to fight.

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II. War - There is a battle to fight.

The presence of a battle does not mean the Spirit is absent; the battle may actually be evidence that the Spirit is at work.

Your flesh will resist your efforts to walk in the Spirit.

Your flesh has no value for walking in the Spirit

Duh - Your flesh is not spiritual in the godly sense.

There are two competing desires seeking expression through one life.

Verse 17 says, “that you may not do what you please.” Neither the Spirit man nor the Flesh are happy when we feed the flesh.

The big issue is not whether both sides are pulling but which side do you yield to.

The flesh says:

Do what feels good

Protect yourself

Get even

Take what you want

Make yourself important

I need a second or third
helping

The Spirit says:

Forgive

Serve

Give

Love

Wait

Obey

Trust God

II. War - There is a battle to fight.

If we return the example of the Bridge of Sanctification.

The issue is in daily life which side is getting fed. If you feed the flesh it will grow in strength and control your thoughts, your emotions and even your will.

Conversely and more powerfully. If you feed your human spirit by the Word of God, worship and prayer it will become dominant and it will control your thoughts, emotions and will.

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III. Yield - There is a leader to follow

Gal. 5:18 - But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law.

Going back to the Bridge of Sanctification. The flow of power needs to be Holy Spirit - filling the human spirit - which controls and guides our thoughts, emotions, and will.

This will effectively control our flesh with a greater power that is from God and not us.

III. Yield - There is a leader to follow

You don't defeat the flesh by staring at the flesh. You defeat the flesh by following the Spirit.

In fact the focus should not be the flesh or the sin, it should be on Jesus and the things of the Spirit.

We are

Walking - Warring - Yielding

III. Yield - There is a leader to follow

Romans 8:14 (NASB95)

14 For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

Conclusion

- The Christian life is not won by trying harder to control the flesh; it is won by learning to walk with the Spirit.
1. Walk by the Spirit.
 2. Expect the conflict.
 3. Yield to the Spirit.

Conclusion

“Tomorrow morning, when you wake up, you will have another opportunity to walk. Another step. Another decision. Another conversation. Another temptation. Another opportunity to say, ‘Holy Spirit, lead me in this next step.’”



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“So the question this morning is not, ‘Do I ever struggle with the flesh?’ We all do. The question is: Who am I yielding to? Who is leading me? What is filling my sails?”



“Walk by the Spirit, and
you will not fulfill the
desires of the flesh.”

The victory is in the walk.



Man

God

Jesus

**Sin
Death
Judgment**

**Eternal Life
No Judgment**

