

Walking in the Spirit

Galatians 5:13-18

1) Paul explains our _____ to liberty

a.) We are free from the _____ of sin

John 3:18 "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

b.) We are free from the _____ of sin

c.) We are free from the _____ of sin

Romans 6:12 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts.

d.) We are free from the _____ of the Law

Franklin Graham (on X), Pope Francis has now approved Catholic priests "blessing" same-sex couples. But none of us, including the Pope, has the right to "bless" what God calls sin. "Woe to those who call evil good and good evil..." (Isaiah 5:20).

Hebrews 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

Ephesians 2:8-9 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast.

2) Paul gives a _____ concerning liberty

a.) We're not to use our liberty as a opportunity to _____

Ephesians 4:30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

Hebrews 12:6 FOR WHOM THE LORD LOVES HE CHASTENS, AND SCOURGES EVERY SON WHOM HE RECEIVES."

Proverbs 3:11-12 My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD, Nor detest His correction; 12 For whom the LORD loves He corrects, Just as a father the son in whom he delights.

Proverbs 13:24 He who spares his rod hates his son, But he who loves him disciplines him promptly.

Steps of God's Chastisement – David with Bathsheba

(1) First, there is conviction – Psalm 38

(2) The Second step is confrontation and chastisement – Nathan the Prophet (2 Samuel 12)

2 Samuel 12:7-12 Then Nathan said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the LORD God of Israel: 'I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul. 8 I gave you your master's house and your master's wives into your keeping, and gave you the house of Israel and Judah. And if that had been too little, I also would have given you much more! 9 Why have you despised the commandment of the LORD, to do evil in His sight? You have killed Uriah the Hittite with the sword; you have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the people of Ammon. 10 Now therefore, the sword shall never depart from your house, because you have despised Me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.' 11 Thus says the LORD: 'Behold, I will raise up adversity against you from your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this sun. 12 For you did it secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel, before the sun.' "

Psalm 51 – David confesses and repents

(3) The Last step in capital punishment if there is no repentance and change. God was going to kill David!

2 Samuel 12:13 So David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD." And Nathan said to David, "The LORD also has put away your sin; **you shall not die.**

Hebrews 10:26-31 For if we **sin willfully** after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, 27 but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries. 28 Anyone who has rejected Moses' law dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. 29 Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which **he was sanctified** a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace? 30 For we know Him who said, "VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY," says the Lord. And again, "THE LORD WILL JUDGE HIS PEOPLE." 31 **It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.**

b.) We're to use our liberty as an opportunity to

3) Paul reminds them of the _____ to love one another

a.) The Law is fulfilled in the _____ great commandments

Matthew 22:36-40 Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law? **37** Jesus said unto him, You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. **38** This is the first and great commandment. **39** And the second is like unto it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself. **40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.**

b.) Contention and Conflict do not exhibit a _____ spirit

James 4:1 Where do wars and fights come from among you? Do they not come from your desires for pleasure that war in your members?

Luke 6:31 And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise.

4) Paul gives them the _____ to follow

a.) They needed to _____ in the Spirit to please God

Amos 3:3 Can two walk together, unless they are agreed?

b.) They needed to _____ following the desires of the flesh

Think of Adam and Eve in Genesis 3

- **Lust of the flesh** – pleasure

2 Thessalonians 2:12 that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

2 Timothy 3:4 traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,

- **Lust of the eyes** – possessions
- **Pride of life** – pride

1 Corinthians 4:7 For who makes **you** differ from another? And what do **you** have that **you** did not receive? Now if **you** did indeed receive it, why do **you** boast as if **you** had not received it?

Deuteronomy 8:14-18 when your heart is lifted up, and you forget the LORD your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage; 15 who led you through that great and terrible wilderness, in which were fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty land where there was no water; who brought water for you out of the flinty rock; 16 who fed you in the wilderness with manna, which your fathers did not know, that He might humble you and that He might test you, to do you good in the end— 17 then you say in your heart, 'My power and the might of my hand have gained me this wealth.' 18 "And you shall remember the LORD your God, **for it is He who gives you power to get wealth**, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day.

Romans 12:2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be **transformed** by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Caterpillar – Butterfly (metamorphosis)

Greek metamorphoō - to *transform* (literally or figuratively “metamorphose”): - change, transfigure, transform.

Jesus is in the changing business! Will we let Him change us?