

Galatians

Salvation by grace! Justification by faith! Sanctification by faith!

The Life Of Christian Liberty!

1. Living without the Law – 5:1-12
2. Living without License – 5:13-15
3. Living by the Holy Spirit – 5:16-26

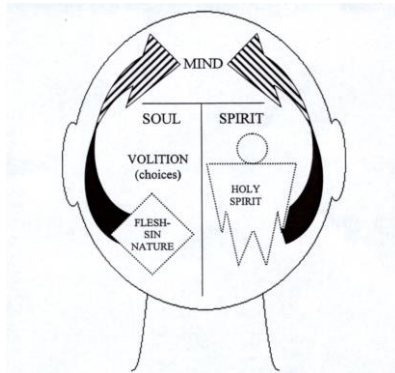
Verse 16:

- “walk...” – forward progress through life
“by the Spirit...” – by means of the Spirit
“will not...” – a Greek double negative
“lust...” – passionate desire
“flesh...” – Greek, *sarx* – 151 times
1. The physical body
 2. The sensuous nature of man
 3. A living creature, human beings
 4. The human nature, the earthy part of man apart from God

Verse 17:

- “lusteth...” – ‘to be passionately set’, ‘to set one’s heart on’
“you may not do the things that you please”
– Believers may not simply do something because they will it as though there was no conflict going on within them between the flesh and Spirit.

Issue: Are you expressing the mind of the flesh or the mind of the Spirit?



Verse 18:

- “But if...” – Greek 1st class conditional, assuming that it is true.
The Spirit of God will never lead the believer into the dominion of any law system! The ‘*Spirit life*’ is absolutely incompatible with ‘*Law life*’.

Verses 19-21: The deeds of the flesh... KJV – 17, NASV – 15

Four general categories:

1. Sensual passions: Adultery (KJV only), Immorality, Impurity, Sensuality
 2. Religious passions: Idolatry, Sorcery
 3. Destructive passions: Enmities, Strife, Jealousy, Outbursts of anger, Disputes, Dissensions, Factions, Envy, Murders (KJV only)
 4. Hedonistic passions: Drunkenness, Carousing
- “...and things like these...” – not an exhaustive list!
“...shall not inherit the kingdom of God.” – occurs three times:
1. Galatians 5:19 2. I Corinthians 6:9 3. Ephesians 5:5

Verses 22-23: The fruit of the Spirit

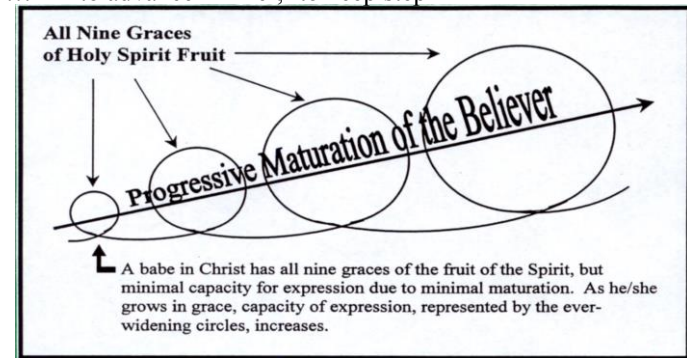
- Nine mental attitudes that express themselves both toward God and toward man.
‘Fruit’ is singular, it’s a package deal!
Law has nothing to say against the fruit of the Spirit. The production comes because of *life*, not law!

Verse 24:

- “have crucified the flesh...”
“*knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, that our body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin; for he who has died is freed from sin...Even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.*” Romans 6:6-7, 11

Verse 25:

- “If...” 1st class, assumes it is true
“let us also walk by the Spirit...” – as opposed to relying on the flesh or a law system to live a life pleasing to God.
“walk...” – ‘to advance in line’, ‘to keep step’



- Verse 26:** The result of not walking in the Spirit
A believer can choose to walk in the flesh!