

2. What does this story teach me about myself?

3. Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?

4. Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?

5. How does this story help me to live on mission better?



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THE HOLY SPIRIT CHANGES US

Galatians 5

HOW DOES THE HOLY SPIRIT HELP CHRISTIANS? THE HOLY SPIRIT COMFORTS US, SHOWS US OUR SIN, AND GUIDES US AS WE LIVE FOR GOD'S GLORY.

Paul was a missionary. He traveled all over, preaching to both Jews and Gentiles and telling them the good news about Jesus. One of the places Paul preached was Galatia. Paul learned that the believers there had been led astray by false teachers. Some were teaching that Christians must still follow the old laws of Moses in order to be saved.

Paul wrote to the Galatians, telling them to reject those false teachers. "Christ has set us free, so we can live in freedom," Paul wrote. Jesus' death had bought them freedom from the law. Salvation comes through faith in Jesus; it is a free gift that cannot be earned by keeping any law.

Paul explained that God changes people who trust in Jesus. God gives them the Holy Spirit, who guides them and gives them power to become more like Jesus. "Live by following the Holy Spirit," he said. Paul wrote that the Holy Spirit changes the way we think and act. When people obey the Holy Spirit's leading, they have love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. These things are the fruit of the Spirit—proof that the Spirit is in someone. This fruit is pleasing to God.

Christ Connection: The Holy Spirit changes our minds and hearts so that we want to obey God, and He gives us power to obey. The Holy Spirit guides us as believers as we live out God's mission for us to share the gospel in all the world.

Galatians Word Search Paul wrote a letter to the church in Galatia. Find and circle some of the words found in his letter.

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Live It Out In the fruit baskets write WHO you can share the gospel with, WHEN you can share it, and then a short PRAYER asking God to help you live out His mission.





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