

Inherit the
Kingdom

Galatians 5:16-25



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16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. 17 For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law. 19 Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are:



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immorality, impurity, sensuality, 20 idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, 21 envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you, just as I have forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,



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patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,
23 gentleness, self-control; against such things
there is no law. 24 Now those who belong to
Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its
passions and desires. 25 If we **live by** the Spirit,
let us also **walk by** the Spirit.

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Kingdom desire...

- We have talked about His Kingdom
- Not 'religion' but a rule of Christ in the HS
- Overthrow of self... is there help?
- Yes!

Galatian Struggle

- Running under grace, tripped by the law!
- Freedom in Christ: "faith working thru love" 5:5
- Paul is calling them back to the REAL
- Results of NOT following are too evident!

Walk by the Spirit

- *peripateo* ~ make progress, live, conduct
- Holy Spirit ~ comforter, helper, support
- Influence, suggestions, 'whispers'
- Keep moving and do not stop... do this, or...
- Flesh = *sarx*, old nature, sinful tendencies

Just so you will know...

- Paul outlines what "flesh" look like...
- Spirit and flesh are at WAR in you!
- Prevents you from pleasing
- John 8:29 "And He who sent Me is with Me; He has not left Me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to Him."

Led by the Spirit

- *ago* – to lead by taking hold of, accompany
- “If” we allow this, law is not an issue for us
- The Holy Spirit is looking to latch on!
- Our hearts are His temple! But if...



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“shall not inherit”

- This is the only way into the Kingdom...
- Converted, child-like, humble, violence!
- “BUT...”
- There is another path to follow on the trail
- Fruit of the Spirit



Galatians 5:22,23

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

“those who belong to Christ”

- The process – “have crucified”
- Affections & lusts – complete extermination
- Flesh cannot be dealt with any other way!
- IF “live in the Spirit”
- Walk – ‘keep time with’ *stoicheo*

