

**GALATIANS 5:13-18**  
*“Walk in the Spirit”*





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BIBLE STUDY

**Text in Questions**

- 13 **For** you were called to **freedom**, **brethren**;  
**only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh**,  
**but** through love serve one another.
- 14 **For** the **whole Law** is fulfilled in one word,  
in the statement, **“You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”**
- 15 **But** if you bite and devour one another,  
take care that you are not **consumed by one another**.
- 16 **But** I say, walk by the Spirit,  
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- 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.

## Overview

**Part 1 :**

**V13-15 Yes to Love, Then No to Flesh (Free to Love and Serve)**

**Part 2 :**

**V16-18 Yes to Spirit, Then No to Flesh (Free to walk by the Spirit)**

## Last Time on Galatians 5:12

**“I wish that those who are troubling you would even mutilate themselves.”**



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*Review : What freedom?*

## Freedom From:

- You are free from the tyranny of satan, from slavery of sin, from kingdom of darkness & ignorance, free from curse of law, free from bondage of the flesh.

## Freedom To:

- You are free to approach the throne of God, to truth & revelation, to live in the household of God, love the spiritual family, blessed with promise, blessed with justification, blessed with righteousness.



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*Application : How do we  
use our freedom for our  
flesh?*

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*Command : Serve One  
another*

**δουλεύω douleúō; from doúlos servant.**

**To be in the position of a servant and act accordingly; to be subject and serve in subjection or bondage.**

## *V14a Law of Love*

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**John 13:34–35 “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. 35 “By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”**



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*V14B Do we need to love  
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*V15 What's the  
Warning?*



**Legalism => Self-righteousness**

**Licentiousness => Self preservation**

**2 Peter 2:10-15 and especially those who indulge the flesh in its corrupt desires and despise authority. Daring, self-willed, they do not tremble when they revile angelic majesties,<sup>11</sup> whereas angels who are greater in might and power do not bring a reviling judgment against them before the Lord.<sup>12</sup> But these, like unreasoning animals, born as creatures of instinct to be captured and killed, reviling where they have no knowledge**



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V16 Command  
*Walk by the Spirit?*  
*What & How?*

## **Active Walking with Spirit**

- 1. Pray <sup>3x</sup>, Saturate in Bible, Worship, Fellowship, Edify, EV, Pray again, Kill bad habits**
- 2. Romans 8:5-13**

## **Surrender / Follow the Spirit**

- 1. Patiently wait, Cease your control, Laydown all complaints / demands, Hope for future promise, put off old man, etc.**

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**V17 The Conflict**  
*Flesh VS Spirit*

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V17 The Conflict  
*Why?*

Questions?



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 4/13 Women's Conference [8am- 12:30pm]
- 4/21 New Member's Class Starts 9:30am
- 4/21 Members' Meeting & Service Fair [2pm]
- 5/4 @ 9-12 Special Seminar :  
Abortion, Birth Control, IVF



- 1. Opportunity for flesh: Can you observe any pattern where you take (blessings) and turn them for occasions for self-gratification? Or Were there times when the battle of flesh & spirit was intense for you? Share what happened and how you tried to overcome it.**
- 2. Love: What are some attitudes, excuses etc that's preventing you from loving others? What are some tangible ways or opportunities that you can serve people out of love for them?**
- 3. Spirit: How are you doing in walking in the Spirit? How can you develop a more consistent, intimate walk with the Spirit to fight off the flesh?**

## **Discussion Questions**