

# Galatians

## Chapter 5:16-26

- I. **Galatians 5:16**<sup>16</sup>*This* I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.
  - a. This I say then
    - I. **Paul says “then” which ties back to verses 13-15 after he transitions the passage to practical behavior.**
      1. **Galatians 5:13-15** <sup>13</sup>For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only *use* not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another. <sup>14</sup>For all the law is fulfilled in one word, *even* in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. <sup>15</sup>But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another.
  - b. Walk
    - I. **This is a description of behavior. Paul is exhorting believers to walk in the spirit which implies that a believer can also not walk in the spirit.**
      1. **Romans 8:1** <sup>1</sup>*There is* therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.
      2. **Romans 8:4** <sup>4</sup>That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.
      3. **II Corinthians 6:16** <sup>16</sup>And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in *them*; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

4. **Ephesians 4:17** <sup>17</sup>This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind,
5. **Ephesians 5:2** <sup>2</sup>And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.
6. **Colossians 1:10** <sup>10</sup>That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;
7. **Colossians 2:6** <sup>6</sup>As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, *so* walk ye in him:
8. **Colossians 4:5** <sup>5</sup>Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time.
9. **I Thessalonians 2:12** <sup>12</sup>That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory.
10. **I Thessalonians 4:1** <sup>1</sup>Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort *you* by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, *so* ye would abound more and more.
11. **II Thessalonians 3:11** <sup>11</sup>For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies.
12. **II Peter 2:10** <sup>10</sup>But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government. Presumptuous *are they*, selfwilled, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities.
13. **Jude 1:18** <sup>18</sup>How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts.

**14. Romans 13:14** <sup>14</sup>But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.

c. Spirit and flesh

I. **There are some examples of walking in the spirit verses fulfilling the lust of the flesh in the previous verses.**

1. Spirit

- a. By love serve one another
- b. Love they neighbor as thyself

2. Flesh

- a. Misusing liberty
- b. Biting devouring one another

II. **Galatians 5:17-18** <sup>17</sup>For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. <sup>18</sup>But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.

a. Flesh vs Spirit

I. **Contrary- Paul talks about similar things in Romans 7.**

1. **Romans 7:15-16** <sup>15</sup>For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I. <sup>16</sup>If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that *it is* good.

2. **Romans 7:21** <sup>21</sup>I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me.

3. **Romans 7:23** <sup>23</sup>But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.

4. **Romans 6:14** <sup>14</sup>For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

II. **Led of the Spirit**

1. **Romans 8:14**<sup>14</sup>For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

III. **Galatians 5:19-21**<sup>19</sup>Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are *these*; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,<sup>20</sup> Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,<sup>21</sup> Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told *you* in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

a. **This is one of the “list” passages that people hang on to say that someone who has committed something on this list won’t go to Heaven.**

I. **I Corinthians 6:9-10**<sup>9</sup>Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,<sup>10</sup> Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

1. **Vs 11 says**<sup>11</sup>And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

II. **Ephesians 5:3-5**<sup>3</sup>But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints;<sup>4</sup> Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks.<sup>5</sup> For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.

III. **These things on this list are descriptors of the unsaved. The assumption is that a new believer “SHOULD” live out their new identity and not live**

in accordance to their old identity (Old Adamic Nature).

**1. For the Galatians nothing can be added to salvation or it's a false gospel and nothing we do can remove us from that salvation.**

**2. Can't be unsealed**

**a. Ephesians 1:13**<sup>13</sup>In whom ye also *trusted*, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,

**3. Can't be separated**

**a. Romans 8:35-39**<sup>35</sup>Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? <sup>36</sup>As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. <sup>37</sup>Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, <sup>39</sup>Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**4. Can't be condemned**

**a. Romans 8:1**<sup>1</sup>*There is* therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

**5. Justified and peace with God**

**a. Romans 5:1-2**<sup>1</sup>Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our

Lord Jesus Christ: <sup>2</sup>By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

**6. Sin is not being imputed to our account**

a. **II Corinthians 5:19**<sup>19</sup>To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

**i. Remember**

1. **I Corinthians 5:5** <sup>5</sup>To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

**7. Christ's perfect righteousness has been put to our account.**

a. **II Corinthians 5: 21**<sup>21</sup>For he hath made him *to be* sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

IV. **Galatians 5:22-24**<sup>22</sup>But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, <sup>23</sup>Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. <sup>24</sup>And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

a. Fruit different then works

I. **We do nothing to earn these things. We don't will ourselves to do anything but fruit is produced by the Spirit.**

b. We've crucified the flesh

I. **Romans 6:1-6** <sup>1</sup>What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?<sup>2</sup>God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? <sup>3</sup>Know ye not, that so many of us as were

baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. <sup>5</sup>For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also *in the likeness of his* resurrection: <sup>6</sup>Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with *him*, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

II. **Galatians 2:20**<sup>20</sup>I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

V. **Galatians 5:25-26**<sup>25</sup>If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. <sup>26</sup>Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.

a. Live and walk

I. **If you live in the Spirit then it is only logical that you would want to walk in the Spirit.**

1. **Romans 8:13**<sup>13</sup>For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.

II. **Remembered that we are strengthened in the inner man where the Holy Spirit resides.**

1. **Ephesians 3:16**<sup>16</sup>That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;

III. **We are to be filled with the Spirit**

1. **Ephesians 5:18**<sup>18</sup>And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;

IV. **We were bought with a price.**

**1. I Corinthians 6:19-20<sup>19</sup>**What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost *which is* in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? <sup>20</sup>For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

**V. We are told not to grieve the Holy Spirit.**

**1. Ephesians 4:30<sup>30</sup>**And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

**VI. We are told not to quench the Holy Spirit.**

**1. I Thessalonians 5:19<sup>19</sup>**Quench not the Spirit.

**VII. It is our earnest.**

**1. Ephesians 1:14<sup>14</sup>**Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

b. Others

**I. Paul concludes this chapter by 3 behaviors that would be considered of the flesh and not being produced in us by the Spirit.**

1. Let us not be desirous of vain glory
2. provoking one another
3. envying one another.