

# Walk in the Spirit

Galatians 5:16-22

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## Series on Galatians

- Setting and Situation
- Last time – Freedom
- **5:1 “ It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.”**
- **5:13 “You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love.”**



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**“<sup>16</sup> So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. <sup>17</sup> For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want. <sup>18</sup> But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under law.**



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**<sup>19</sup> The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; <sup>20</sup> idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions <sup>21</sup> and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God”**



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## 1. The Conflict

- war between desires of flesh and spirit

### a) New Creation in Christ

- regeneration – sealed with Holy Spirit

- stand justified – just as if I never sinned

- new heart – made different from inside out

### b) Recognize flesh still has desires

- living up to who you are tough



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- Romans 7:15ff
- what I want & what I do not aligned
- two responses, modify behavior or gain new motivation & perspective

## c) Led by Spirit

- walking, leaving behind, going towards
- not under law – you must do
- heart & perspective change leading to living up to who you already are



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## 2. The Clear Evidence vs.19

- acts are obvious and evident

### a) Sexual in Nature

- sexual immorality

- impurity

- debauchery

### b) Spiritual in Nature

- idolatry

- witchcraft



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## c) Social in Nature

- hatred
- discord
- jealousy
- fits of rage
- selfish ambition
- dissensions
- factions
- envy
- drunkenness, orgies and the like



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## 3. The Consequences vs. 21

### a) 'live like this...'

- speaks of choices and ongoing action
- embrace as ways of life, values
- indulging the flesh

### b) 'will not inherit kingdom of heaven'

- not adopted sons and daughters
- kingdom – on earth and in eternity



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## 4. The Choice vs. 16

### a) Live by the Spirit

- 'and you will not.....'

- crisis moments – I cannot do what I desire to do as God's child

- need something beyond myself

### b) Filling of Holy Spirit

- surrender to filling of Spirit

- daily surrender, walking, being led, listening, receiving and embracing



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## So What

1. Be Honest About the Conflict
  - desire to respond to God
  - desire to please self
  - being changed from the inside out
2. Be Real about Looking at Life
  - feeding the flesh is obvious
  - do real evaluation and honest looking
  - check the inner lawyer vs. scripture



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## 3. Face the Consequences

- freed not to indulge sinful nature
- cannot claim to belong to God and continue to live without responding

## 4. Be Filled with the Holy Spirit

- reveals scripture to us
- gives us spiritual gifts
- empowers us for Holy Living
- directs us on a daily basis



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