

Galatians (Part 22)

(A Life Controlled by the Holy Spirit (Part 3) – Galatians 5:22, 23)

III. The Christian Life: The Practical Results of Paul's Gospel Described (5:1-6:18)

A. A Life of Freedom (5:1-15)

B. A Life Controlled by the Holy Spirit (5:16-26)

→How can one avoid the self-indulgence of a life of license without resorting to the slavery of a life of legalism?

1. A Command to Live a Spirit-Controlled Life (vs. 16-18)

2. A Catalog of Sins to Be Avoided (vs. 19-21)

3. A Catalog of Virtues to Be Perfected (vs. 22, 23)

-Love

-Joy

-Peace

-Patience

-Kindness

-Goodness

-Faithfulness

-Gentleness

-Self Control

→This catalog of virtues isn't exhaustive (v. 23).

→Those who perfect these virtues fulfill the law (v. 23).

→This catalog isn't a list of rules. The Spirit works virtues (graces) in us to produce the righteousness demanded by the law (Romans 8:4).

→What we need to fulfill the law isn't legalism. What we need is the Holy Spirit.

Practical Lessons

1) The fruit of the Spirit is perfectly displayed in the life of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2) The fruit of the Spirit is perfected by us only as we abide in our Lord Jesus Christ.