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**Bible Study Series: Living by Faith – Galatians**

**Lesson 29. Walk in the Spirit – Gal. 5:16-18**

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We have been called, not to legalism, but to liberty. That liberty is not to be used to serve the desires of the flesh, but it a genuine freedom from sin and freedom to walk in the Spirit. This new walk is part of the process of our sanctification. (See summary page 2).

- I. Walk – vs. 16
  - A. Walk this Way
    - 1. Present tense – continuous, regular action, a habitual way of life
    - 2. Imperative mood – not an option, a command
    - 3. Progressive, forward movement – Prov. 16:9
  - B. Spirit
    - 1. The Holy Spirit empowers us to desire and act in obedience to God’s will – Rom. 6:11-13; Gal. 6:9-10
    - 2. Results – fruit and ultimately worship! – Eph. 5:18-21; Gal. 5:22-23
  - C. Flesh – Rom. 13:13-14; Col. 3:5; Matt. 6:13
    - 1. What remains of our fallenness – the old man – Eph. 4:17-24
    - 2. Lust – evil desire in this context – James 1:14-15
- II. War – vs. 17
  - A. Flesh and Spirit – opponents, contrary, to resist – Gal. 5:19-26
  - B. Desire – wish to have, want – Rom. 7:22-23; Phil. 2:12-13
  - C. Action
    - 1. Do or do not do
    - 2. What you want to do or don’t want to do
- III. Wisdom – vs. 18
  - A. Led by the Spirit – Rom. 8:5, 13, 23-26; Eph. 5:15-21
    - 1. Lead, bring, carry, take
    - 2. Under the power of
  - B. Not Under Law – Rom. 7:8-11; 8:2
    - 1. Not living by fleshly commandments
    - 2. Not under condemnation
    - 3. Free from a system where we can’t do what we must do

Ephesians 4&5 - These lessons show us how to:

Walk Worthy

Walk in Unity

Walk in Truth

Walk in Love

Walk in Light

Walk in Wisdom

Walk Together in Married Life

And ALL of these require walking in the Spirit!

16 I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. 17 For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

Sanctification - "The blessing of sanctification is a benefit of the application of redemption that, though it begins at regeneration, is applied throughout the entirety of the Christian's life. In sanctification, God, working especially by the Holy Spirit, separates the believer unto Himself (1 Cor. 1:2) and makes him increasingly holy, progressively transforming him into the image of Christ (Rom. 8:29; 2 Cor. 3:18) by subduing the power of sin in his life and enabling him to bear the fruit of obedience in his life." – MacArthur, *Biblical Doctrine*, pg. 632

"Sanctification may be defined as that gracious and continuous operation of the Holy Spirit, by which He delivers the justified sinner from the pollution of sin, renews his whole nature in the image of God, and enables him to perform good works." – Berkhof, *Systematic Theology*, pg. 513

**Imputation** - Justification is the once-for-all judicial declaration of righteousness that defines man's legal standing before God. Christ has secured legal (forensic) righteousness for the believer.

**Impartation** - Sanctification is a gradual, ongoing transformation of his nature. The Spirit progressively works practical righteousness in the believer.

## **Cross References**

### **Proverbs 16:9**

9 A man's heart plans his way, But the Lord directs his steps.

### **Romans 6:11-13**

11 Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord. 12 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. 13 And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.

### **Galatians 6:9-10**

9 And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. 10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.

### **Ephesians 5:18-21**

18 And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, 19 speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, 20 giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, 21 submitting to one another in the fear of God.

### **Galatians 5:22-23**

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

### **Romans 13:13-14**

13 Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. 14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.

### **Colossians 3:5**

5 Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

### **Matthew 6:13**

13 And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

### **Ephesians 4:17-24**

17 This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, 18 having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart; 19 who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. 20 But you have not so learned Christ, 21 if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: 22 that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, 23 and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, 24 and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

### **James 1:14-15**

14 But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. 15 Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.

### **Galatians 5:19-26**

19 Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, 20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, 21 envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. 24 And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. 26 Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

### **Romans 7:22-23**

22 For I delight in the law of God according to the inward man. 23 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.

### **Philippians 2:12-13**

12 Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; 13 for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.

### **Romans 8:5**

5 For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit.

**Romans 8:13**

13 For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

**Romans 8:23-26**

23 Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body. 24 For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? 25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance. 26 Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

**Ephesians 5:15-21**

15 See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, 16 redeeming the time, because the days are evil. 17 Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. 18 And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, 19 speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, 20 giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, 21 submitting to one another in the fear of God.

**Romans 7:8-11**

8 But sin, taking opportunity by the commandment, produced in me all manner of evil desire. For apart from the law sin was dead. 9 I was alive once without the law, but when the commandment came, sin revived and I died. 10 And the commandment, which was to bring life, I found to bring death. 11 For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it killed me.

**Romans 8:2**

2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.

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