



FUNDAMENTAL GRACE BIBLE STUDY

Galatians

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Lesson 27: Chapter 5:16-26 (*Walking After the Spirit*)

1. Research | Heads-up

- a. Churchgoers & leaders struggle to define spiritual maturity ([Barna](#))
- b. Churchgoers: (1) relationship w/Jesus, (2) following the rules, (3) living morally
- c. Leaders: (1) practice spiritual disciplines, (2) church activities, (8) **know Scripture (9%)**.
- d. Generic references: (1) 1/3 the whole Bible, (2) the gospels, (3) the NT, (4) **Paul's letters (10%)**
- e. Verse-specific (1/5 of pastors): Galatians 5, John 3:16, Ephesians 4, Matthew 28, Romans 12:1,2
- f. Semi-Generic: "Romans" or the "life of Christ" | **"the mind of Christ"** vs. "the life of Christ"

2. Overview

- a. Proper Progression: (1) Position (2) Purpose (3) Preparation (4) Production (5) Propagation
- b. Position. Liberated in Christ (Gal5:1) | used improperly harms you & the body – Gal5:13-15
- c. Purpose. Liberated to serve the Lord | salvation & growth in the truth – Eph2:8-10
- d. Preparation. Ambassadors need training & conditioning to perform their duties – 2Tim2:15
- e. Production. Begins believing/speaking spiritual truth to yourself & God – 1Thess2:13; Phlm1:6
- f. Propagation. Roots begin to set, multiply & entrench deeper as nourishment continues – Eph4:15
- g. If *"evil communications corrupt good manners"*, good communication corrupts evil manners

3. 5:16-18 – The Battle in the Believer

- a. "laws" & "will power" are worthless to truly change behavior – Rom7:7-14, 18-25
- b. Law provides an "occasion" for flesh to grow, run, devour & stumble – Gal5:4,13,15; Rom14:13
- c. What if all your natural thoughts and desires were ungodly? – Prov16:2,25; Cf. Rom1:18-32
- d. Then what motivates a person to do that which is against nature? – 1Cor15:1-4; Eph1:13
- e. What if you were provided truth to have right thoughts? – 1Tim2:4; Eph2:10; Rom6:14; Phil2:1-8
- f. In Christ, we choose whom we serve: make provision for the Spirit – Rom13:8-14; 2Cor10:2-5
- g. Contrarily we frustrate grace, grieve or quench the Spirit – Gal2:21; 1Thess5:19; Eph4:30

4. 5:19-21 – Works of the Flesh

- a. *"works of..."* that which is produced/enacted by or put in motion from – Rom7:5; Cf. 8:8
- b. 17 items that stem from our corrupt nature (by law or without): **we were but now** (see image)
- c. Teachers of the law have swerved from sound doctrine...they know it not – 1Tim1:3-10; Ti3:3-11

5. 5:22-23 – The Proper Production of Fruit

- a. *Produce* def. – to bring forward (trees produce) | that which is produced (fruit is produced)
- b. **Issue**: OT flesh = keep the law | NT Spirit causes law keeping – Mt3:7-12; 7:16-27; Cf. Eze36:27
- c. **You are not under the law**: presently atoned, forgiven, redeemed, justified & sanctified in Christ!
- d. We do NOT fruit inspect to determine whether someone is saved | listen to their testimony
- e. *"of the Spirit"* these 9 attributes are produced by the Spirit, not you (NIV: self-control)
- f. Our flesh **cannot** produce Spiritual fruit; the law produces fruit to death – Rom6:21; 7:4,5
- g. We are filled w/ *"all unrighteousness"* | the Spirit *"all goodness...righteousness...truth"* – Eph5:8
- h. **Renewal**: reckon position/equipping | Rom12:2; Phlm1:6; 2Tim3:14-17; Phil4:6-9; 1Tim6:3-11
- i. *"against such there is no law"* praise God! There's no limit to the production of these attributes

6. 5:24-26 – The Crucified Life in the Spirit

- a. The body is for the Lord, liberty for service: to live is Christ – 1Cor6:13; Gal2:20; Phil1:21
- b. God has placed us in victory w/ all grace & sufficiency in all things – 1Cor15:57; 2Cor9:8
- c. *"they that are Christ's"* those identified w/Christ, put on Christ – Rom6:3,4; Gal3:26,27
- d. *"vain glory"* is cancerous & produces upheaval – Phil2:21; Rom14:17-19; 1Tim6:11
- e. Charity (seeing truth benefit others) excels all things – 1Cor13; Col3:14; 1Thess3:9,10