

Lessons from Galatians: Live by the Spirit

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Galatians 5:13,16-17,19-25

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. 14-15... 16 So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. 17 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. 18... 19 The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; 20 idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions 21 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. 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. 24 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. 25 Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

1. WE ARE IN A BATTLE BETWEEN OUR FLESH AND THE SPIRIT

Gal 5:17

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Gal 5:21

21 ... those who live [by the sinful nature] will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Gal 6:8

8 The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.

2. WE ARE SET FREE FROM OUR FLESH THROUGH CHRIST

Gal 5:24

24 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires.

Rom 6:22

22 But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves to God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life.

3. WE ARE CALLED TO LIVE BY THE SPIRIT

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