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Galatians 5:16-27

Walk By the Spirit

Christ has set us free because of our faith in Jesus. This means our just sin punishment has been paid by Jesus. If we have faith in Jesus, He starts convicting us of sin and changing us to look more and more like He wants us to live.

Do you fight sin? Is there sin in your life that you want victory from? Ask Jesus to help you get freedom from that sin.

True repentance from sin means that you are open to doing anything necessary to cut that sin out of your life. Your love of Christ is greater than that sin.

What sin are you holding onto? What sin are you unwilling to give to God and ask Him for help.

A saved person should look different than a lost person. People should see God and godliness in a saved person. Do people see Jesus shine through you?

If you are truly repentant, you will take the full consequences of that sin and you will expose it.

James 5:16 *Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed.*

The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

I gave many passages last week on sexual sin. God wants to be your master. He does not want you to worship the created. God wants you to worship Him.

A mature disciple of Christ should look and act differently than a lost person. How do they look different?

- 1. They love Jesus.**
- 2. They love the Bible.**
- 3. They want to understand the Bible because it is the Word of God. They want to live out the Bible.**
- 4. They want to talk to God (prayer). They want to tell others about Jesus.**
- 5. They want to please God out of thankfulness for salvation. They are quick to repent of sin.**
- 6. They fight sin.**
- 7. They are ready to tell others how God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit changed them (they give glory to God instead of taking glory).**
- 8. They listen to the Spirit of God.**
- 9. They give God glory with their lives and reflect the image of God in their life and actions.**
- 10. They have peace and faith in God and their future, because they trust in the promises of God.**

All sin is rebellion against God. We sin because we either want to be God and we want our own way, or because we are willing to put other things before God.

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Romans 1:16-24 *For I am not ashamed of the gospel (good news of faith in Jesus for salvation), for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. 17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith." 18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. 19 For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. 20 For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. 21 For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. 22 Claiming to be wise, they became fools, 23 and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things. 24 Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts*

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- **IDOLATRY**

Exodus 20:3 *"You shall have no other gods before me.*

Exodus 23:13 *"Pay attention to all that I have said to you, and make no mention of the names of other gods, nor let it be heard on your lips.*

Deuteronomy 5:7 *"You shall have no other gods before me.*

Deuteronomy 6:14 *You shall not go after other gods, the gods of the peoples who are around you—*

1 Corinthians 10:14 *Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry.*

Colossians 3:5 *Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. (ALL OF THESE ARE WORSHIPPING THE CREATED)*

What earthly god are you worshipping or pursuing now? Ask Jesus to forgive you. Ask Jesus for victory over that.

- **ANGER-**

Ephesians 4:25-27 *Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. 26 Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, 27 and give no opportunity to the devil.*

Ephesians 4:31 *Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice.*

1 Timothy 2:8 *I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling.....*

James 1:19 *Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger;*

James 1:20 *for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God.*

Who are you mad at or unwilling to forgive?

- **DIVISION-** God wants His people to be loving and united, not divided.

James 4:1-10 *What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions [are at war within you]? 2 You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. 3 You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. 4 You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. 5 Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, "He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us"? 6 But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." 7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8 Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. 9 Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. 10 Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.*

Romans 16:17 *I appeal to you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and create obstacles contrary to the doctrine that you have been taught; avoid them.*

1 Corinthians 1:10 *I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment.*

Titus 3:9-11 *But avoid foolish controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels about the law, for they are unprofitable and worthless. 10 As for a person who stirs up division, after warning him once and then twice, have nothing more to do with him, 11 knowing that such a person is warped and sinful; he is self-condemned*

- **DRUNKENNESS-**

Eph 5:15-21 *Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, 16 making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. 17 Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. 18 And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, 19 addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, 20 giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, 21 submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.*

Romans 13:13 *Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy.*

HOW DO WE WALK BY THE SPIRIT?

1. We ask Jesus to take control of our lives.
2. We ask Him forgiveness of our sins.
3. We come to church to worship, see godly lives, and build community with God's people.

- 4. We ask the Spirit to deliver us from our flesh.**
- 5. We confess our sins to each other.**
- 6. We pray for each other.**
- 7. We are humble and forgive others and tell them about Jesus because we too are sinful and we need Jesus!**

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Vs 24 Jesus was crucified and now we must put these sinful things to death with the Spirit's help.

When we live in the Spirit it gives glory to God and impacts others for God. We must know that is from God. He is the source. This means that we should not brag or be prideful about it.

Our salvation and Spirit are from God and should be used for worship and the benefit of others.

Col 3:12-17 *Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, 13 bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. 14 And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. 15 And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. 16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. 17 And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.*

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