

## Galatians 5:7-25

### **And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires**

We were called for freedom in Christ. We are no longer bound by rules and works. We are saved by faith in Jesus and all of our sins have been forgiven.

**Vs 7** You were running well, but you slipped back into performance-based religion. We are only saved by Jesus.

**Vs 13** We are free in Jesus but we are reminded that our freedom should be used for sin and the flesh. We are called to be thankful for salvation, to worship God, and to love and serve others. This is not for salvation, but a response of worship because of salvation.

All the law is summed up by loving God and loving others. If you do this, it is pleasing to our Savior who saves us.

**Vs 16** We must walk by the Spirit- When we are saved, the Spirit of God possess us. We are to listen to the Spirit, be led by the Spirit, and follow the Spirit of God in us. The Spirit will always be consistent with the word of God. We do not listen to our feelings if it goes against the word of God.

**Vs 17-18** We are born with a sinful nature. That is called our flesh. When we repent of our sins and ask Jesus to be our Lord and the Spirit comes into us, He helps make us into what God wants His people to look like. He divinely helps us look more like Jesus. This gives Him glory. It helps us, and it impacts others.

A saved person should look and act different than a lost person.

How do they look different?

They love Jesus.

They love the Bible.

They want to understand the Bible because it is the word of God.

They want to live out the Bible.

They want to talk to God (prayer).

They want to tell others about Jesus.

They want to please God out of thankfulness for salvation.

They are quick to repent of sin.

They fight sin.

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).

They listen to the Spirit of God.

They give God glory with their lives and reflect the image of God in their life and actions.

They have peace and faith in God and their future because they trust in the promises of God.

Those gifts from God are fighting against our flesh, worldly sinful desires, and our heart to be God instead of submitting to God.

**vs 19- 21** Sexual sin (sexual immorality, impurity, and sensuality is of the flesh and not of God. God desires one man to be with one woman for a lifetime.

**1 Corinthians 5:11** *But now I am writing to you not to associate with anyone who bears the name of brother if he is guilty of sexual immorality or greed, or is an idolater, reviler, drunkard, or swindler—not even to eat with such a one.*

**1 Corinthians 6:12** *“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything.*

**1 Corinthians 6:13** *“Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food”—and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body.*

**1 Corinthians 6:18** *Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body.*

**1 Corinthians 7:2** *But because of the temptation to sexual immorality, each man should have his own wife and each woman her own husband.*

**Ephesians 5:3** *But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints.*

**Colossians 3:5** *Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.*

**1 Thessalonians 4:3** *For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality.*

Idolatry- This is worshipping anything that God created instead of worshipping God Himself through faith in Jesus.

Sorcery- power from satan and not from Gods power.

Enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of rage, rivalries, dissension, divisions, envy- are all areas of sin where our anger or selfish heart creates problems with others.

Drunkenness (being high) we are led by flesh and not Spirit.

Orgies- sexual sin where we are worshipping the created and fleshly desires instead of worshipping God and following His plan for our sexuality.

IF SOMEONE CONTINUALLY DOES THESE THINGS, THEY WILL NOT INHERIT THE KINGDOM OF GOD!

CHRISTIAN, IS CHRIST YOUR LORD AND MASTER? CHRISTIAN, DO YOU FIGHT SIN OR LIVE IN YOUR FLESH? DO YOU REPENT?

YOU ARE SAVED BY FAITH, BUT AN INDICATOR OF YOUR FAITH IS IF YOU HAVE THE SPIRIT AND YOU ARE LED BY HIM.

Have you asked Jesus to be your Lord and Savior? Have you believed in Him and asked Him to take control of your life.

**Vs 22-25** When you ask Jesus to be your Lord and repent of your sins, the Spirit of God comes into you and gives you all of this! You automatically receive these.

Love- Love is an action, not a feeling

**1 Corinthians 13:1-13** *If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. 3 If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. 4 Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant 5 or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; 6 it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. 7 Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. 8 Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. 9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part, 10 but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. 11 When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. 12 For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known. 13 So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.*

Joy- we can be suffering and go through hard things, but we can still have joy. Our joy comes from God and His promises and not our circumstance.

**Romans 5:1-5** *Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. 3 Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, 4 and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, 5 and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.*

Peace- Even in this sinful world we can have peace and live in peace because we know we are right with God.

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Patience- we don't have to control everything and we can wait comfortably because we know God has us.

Kindness- God has been kind to us and we are to be kind to others.

Goodness- God helps us to be full of good. The overflow of that good from God in us is that others see good in us and from us.

Faithfulness- God saves us. This means that He will never put us to shame. He is always faithful and wants us to be faithful to others.

Gentleness- God is gentle and loving and kind to us. He wants us to be gentle with others.

Self-control- God gives us the Spirit and to help us and lead us, but we must control ourselves.

Which one of these fleshly issues do you have?

Which fruit do you naturally show in everyday life?

What do you need to ask God to help you with in your flesh?

What fruit do you need to ask God to help you with because it sometimes hides in your flesh.

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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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