

Galatians 5

“Walk in the Spirit”

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One of the most striking promises of the Gospel is that we will have freedom in Christ. But what does this mean and how can it change our lives? Let’s dig into the book of Galatians and learn more about this remarkable letter where Paul is engaged in “the battle for the gospel”—the first great theological battle in the history of the church.

Let’s Get Started:

1. What stayed with you from Sunday’s sermon?
2. What did you learn about walking in the Spirit?

Let’s Get in the Word:

- Read Galatians 5:1-15.
 - Twice Paul uses the word “freedom” (verses 1 and 13). What was Paul’s message about freedom to the churches in Galatia and, through scripture, to us today?
 - For the Galatians, what is putting them at risk of slavery again?
 - Read Galatians 6:12-13. How does this connect with what Paul is writing here?
 - What is the only thing that counts according to Paul in verse 6?
 - Did Galatians 5:11 make sense to you? If not, read it again in an amplified bible.
 - What puts you at risk for slavery and falling away from grace?
 - In verses 13-15, who is Paul talking to and what is he warning them about?
- Read Galatians 15:16-26 twice, using two versions of scripture to gain insight into the original Greek text.
 - What does Paul encourage the Galatians to do in verse 16 and what will be the result?

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- The Galatians lived in a society that accepted and sometimes embraced acts that Paul listed as works of the flesh or sinful nature.
 - How did hearing the list of the two sets of traits help the Galatians?
 - How do the lists help us today?
- The fruit of the Spirit concludes with “Against such things there is no law.” Why might Paul point this out to the Galatians?
- What is Paul saying in verses 24-26? How does this apply to us today?
- Read Romans 8:1-9.
 - What is the result of setting your mind on the flesh? On the Spirit? (verse 6)
 - Can someone who does not have the Spirit of God dwelling in them live by the Spirit? Why not? How do they live?

Let's Apply this to our lives:

- Please take a minute of silence to individually reflect on the two lists in Galatians 5:19-23 and ask yourself which traits you displayed today.
- What verse(s) in Galatians 5 spoke to you? Is there something you want to study deeper?
- Are we a church that lives by faith and walks in step with God? Example?
- Assume you are a leader in the local church or in a denomination. What does Paul's letter teach you about mentoring your brothers and sisters in Christ?

Challenge for the week: Prayerfully ask for wisdom as you conduct a word study on the acts of the sinful nature in Galatians 5:19-21 and the fruit of the Spirit in Galatians 5:22-23. Use a dictionary, commentaries, and/or a resource with the original Greek, how the word is used in other parts of scripture, and the English translations (i.e. <https://biblehub.com/lexicon/>).