

# BOOK OF GALATIANS

## *“Walk by the Spirit”*

Scripture Reading: GALATIANS 5:22-25

- ) **SLIDES 1-6**. Bible Jeopardy!
- ) **SLIDES 7**. Read today’s Scripture text.
- ) **SLIDE 8**. Today we continue in our expository study of the Book of GALATIANS. This is message #41. I have titled today’s message *“Walk by the Spirit”* (v25).
- ) Last week we were introduced to the fruit of the Spirit. This fruit is what the Christian must exhibit in his/her walk with Christ. This fruit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
- ) And let’s be honest. We know we exhibit some of this fruit better than others. Therefore, we know there is always room to grow in this fruit.
- ) OK. So, we say to ourselves, *“I want to exhibit more fruit in my Christian walk. I want to crucify the flesh.”* If that’s you (or me), what steps can we take to accomplish this?
- ) Some of us may be struggling with an ongoing sin issue that we know is wrong, but we just can’t seem to rid this sin(s) out of our lives and allow the Spirit to have victory. This morning I want to give us six practical steps we can take to crucify the flesh and walk victoriously by the Spirit. Overlap.
- ) **SLIDE 9. EXAMINE** yourself. 2 CORINTHIANS 13:5. This is a great place to start. Are we really true believers in Christ? Is Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior or not? Are you in the faith or might you be self-deceived? It’s impossible to be victorious over the deeds of flesh and walk by the Spirit if you are not a true believer.

- ) **SLIDE 10.** ROMANS 10:9-10,13. Remember these steps towards salvation. Let's get the basics out of the way.
- ) **SLIDE 11.** **READ** your Bible. 2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17. Does this Book have ultimate authority in our lives? If it does, then we will do what it says, even the verses we may not agree with.
- ) We know that righteousness and walking by the Spirit are synonymous. When we read this book, inspired by God Himself, it will help us achieve that goal. I strongly suggest a daily reading schedule, devotions, attending a Bible study, etc.
- ) **SLIDE 12.** HEBREWS 4:12. The Word of God can get into those tiny little nooks and crannies to help you and I walk by the Spirit.
- ) **SLIDE 13.** **REPENT**. LUKE 3:8. How do we view sin? For the true believer, repentance is a change of mind of how we view sin. We recognize it for what it is and no longer desire its presence in our lives. We abhor the deeds of the flesh.
- ) **SLIDE 14.** LUKE 13:5. Jesus makes it pretty straight-forward. If a person who confesses to be a believer does not change their view of sin, they will perish. This gets back to step #1 to examine ourselves.
- ) **SLIDE 15.** **PRAY**. PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7. Do we truly desire victory over our sin? If we really want to walk by the Spirit, then we will pray that the Lord take away our desires for the deeds of the flesh. Do we desire victory over these things? Or do we like hanging on to them?
- ) **SLIDE 16.** 1 THESSALONIANS 5:17. When we are praying, we are walking by the Spirit.
- ) **SLIDE 17.** **ESCAPE**. 1 CORINTHIANS 10:13. Do we take God's way out of our temptations? Temptations will happen. And it's easy to follow the path of unrighteousness. Because sin is fun. Isn't it? But there is always a direction we can take to overcome our sin and walk by the Spirit.

- ) **SLIDE 18.** MARK 9:43-44. If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. If HBO causes you to sin, get rid of it! If that charge card causes you to sin, cut it up and quit using it. If your job causes you to sin, find another job. If your possessions are becoming your god, then it's time to put aside those possessions. If your friends cause you to sin, hang around with some new friends.
- ) **SLIDE 19. REMEMBER.** Is God still our first love? Do we remember how excited we were when we first received Jesus Christ as brand new believers? When I first became a believer I thought I was invincible until Satan turned up the heat. But it was the salvation honeymoon. We need to remember those feelings we had.
- ) **SLIDE 20.** 1 CORINTHIANS 6:11. We must remember what we were delivered from. We all deserve hell. But sin will never be held against His elect—those who have been chosen. And when we look at our salvation from a Calvinist view, why would He ever adopt me into His family? Remembering should bring every born-again believer to his/her knees in thanksgiving.
- ) On one hand we cannot be like the quietist who says God will take care of my sinful situation. I'll just let go and let God. And on the other hand we cannot be like the pietist who says I can fix all my sinful problems. No you can't. The solution will be a balance between human effort and God's grace.
- ) **SLIDE 21.** So, you want to crucify the flesh and walk by the Spirit? Keep these six words handy. Review. Practice them. Make these a lifestyle. GALATIANS 5:25: "*If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.*"

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