

## **Walk by the Spirit**

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### **Introduction**

#### **Why Legalism Tempted the Galatians**

Where did the Galatians live?

When did Paul go there?

What types of people were part of the churches of Galatia?

#### **Walk by the Spirit and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh (5:16)**

How does one walk by the Spirit?

#### **The Spirit and the flesh war against each other (5:17)**

Romans 7

#### **Escape from law comes through following the Spirit (5:18)**

How does the Spirit lead? Or, how do we follow?

**The works of the flesh manifest themselves in sexual sins, paganism, and conflict (5:19-21a)**

Sexual sins (5:19):

1. Adultery (*moicheia*)
2. Fornication (*porneia*)
3. Uncleaness (*akatharsia*)
4. Lewdness (*aselgeia*)

Paganism (5:20a):

5. Idolatry (*eidōlatreia*)
6. Sorcery (*pharmakeia*)

Conflict (5:20b-21a):

7. Hatred (*echthra*)
8. Contentions (*eris*)
9. Jealousies (*zēlos*)
10. Outbursts of wrath (*thumos*)
11. Selfish ambitions (*eritheia*)
12. Dissensions (*dichostasia*)
13. Heresies (*haireisis*)

14. Envy (*phthonos*)
15. Murders (*phonos*)
16. Drunkenness (*methē*)
17. Revelries (*kōmos*)
18. And the like (= etc.)

**Those who do such things will lack inheritance in the Millennium (5:21b)**

Paul did not say, "Will not enter the Kingdom of God."

What does Kingdom of God mean? Has the Kingdom of God already started? Is there any such thing as a believer who is not in the Kingdom of God?

Illustration of the Levites

**The fruit of the Spirit affects thought, relationships with others, and character (5:22-23a)**

Appropriate thought patterns:

Love (*agapē*)

Joy (*charka*)

Peace (*eirēnē*)

Appropriate relationships with others:

Longsuffering (*microtumor*)

Kindness (*cestodes*)

Goodness (*goathouse*)

Appropriate character:

Faith (*pistis*)

Gentleness (*praütēs*)

Self-control (*enkrateia*)

**The fruit of the Spirit is the (unattained) objective of law (5:24b)**

**Believers were crucified with Christ (the basis for victory) over fleshly passions and desires (5:25)**

Our belief in Christ resulted in us (positionally) dying with Christ and being raised with Him

Living by grace by the Book allows this to occur in our experience

(This is not to be taken to imply sinless perfection is possible in our mortal bodies)

**We are not to (in conceit) provoke or envy one another (5:26)**

**Restoration and bearing one another's' burdens (6:1-5)**

**Conclusion**