

Sermon Notes for July 18, 2021

GOSPEL CHARACTER – GALATIANS 5:13-26

SERIES: GOD'S GLORIOUS GRACE – A STUDY IN GALATIANS

¹⁶ But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.

Galatians 5:16 (NASB)

²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. ²⁶ Let us not become boastful, challenging one another, envying one another. *Galatians 5:25-26 (NASB)*

THREE MINISTRIES OF THE HOLY SPIRIT THAT ENABLES THE BELIEVER TO ENJOY LIBERTY IN CHRIST:

1. THE HOLY SPIRIT ENABLES US TO FULFILL THE _____ OF LOVE.

¹³ For you were called to freedom, brethren; only *do* not *turn* your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. ¹⁴ For the whole Law is fulfilled in one word, in the *statement*, "YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF." ¹⁵ But if you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. *Galatians 5:13-15 (NASB)*

¹⁵ See to it that no one comes short of the grace of God; that no root of bitterness springing up causes trouble, and by it many be defiled; *Hebrews 12:15 (NASB)* ⁵ And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us. *Romans 5:5 (NIV)*

⁶ For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love. ... ²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, *Galatians 5:6, 22 (NIV)*

2. THE HOLY SPIRIT ENABLES US TO _____ THE FLESH.

➤ The Conflict – the Spirit and the flesh

¹⁶ But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please. *Galatians 5:16-17 (NASB)*

¹⁴ For we know that the Law is spiritual, but I am of flesh, sold into bondage to sin. ¹⁵ For what I am doing, I do not understand; for I am not practicing what I *would* like to *do*, but I am doing the very thing I hate. ... ¹⁹ For the good that I want, I do not do, but I practice the very evil that I do not want. *Romans 7:14-15, 19 (NASB)*

➤ The Solution – Surrender our _____ to the Holy Spirit.

¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law. *Galatians 5:18 (NASB)*

➤ The Deeds of the Flesh – (the mind, emotions and will)

¹⁹ When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear: sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these. Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God. *Galatians 5:19-21 (NLT2)*

➤ The Old Nature Must Be _____ –

²⁴ Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross and crucified them there. *Galatians 5:24 (NLT2)*

3. THE HOLY SPIRIT ENABLES US TO _____ FRUIT.

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. *Galatians 5:22-23 (NASB)*

²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. ²⁶ Let us not become boastful, challenging one another, envying one another. *Galatians 5:25-26 (NASB)*

➤ The contrast between works and fruit is important!

⁴ Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵ It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶ Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. ⁸ Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. *1 Corinthians 13:4-8 (NIV)*

➤ The characteristics (fruit) God wants in our lives:

➤ **Godward fruit:** love, joy, peace

➤ **Manward fruit:** patience, kindness, goodness

➤ **Selfward fruit:** faithfulness, gentleness, self-control