

SERMON OUTLINE

Walk by the Spirit

Galatians 5:16-26

Very few things reveal what a person believes about the gospel more than when you start to describe how the process of change is worked out in the life of a believer. (Galatians 5:23-24)

What are some of the challenging questions that must be asked when we speak about how change occurs in the life of a believer?

Is salvation by grace from first to last? (Galatians 5:16, 25)

Is it possible to live a sin-free life this side of heaven? (Galatians 5:17-18)

- Works of the Flesh: The seed of sin – Romans 7 (Galatians 5:19-21)
 - Fruit of the Spirit: The seed of righteousness – Romans 8 (Galatians 5:22-23)
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Why are religious people so proud sometimes? (Galatians 5:26)

- Conceit
 - Provocation
 - Envy
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REFLECTION QUESTIONS (taken in part from the Serendipity Study Bible for Groups)

- What does your garden grow without your help? With your help?
- According to Paul, if you were made alive by the Spirit, how can it be that we still struggle with sin?
- Since we are not under the law, what is wrong with indulging our sinful nature once in a while?
- If not by rule-keeping, how then do we grow spiritually? How do these fruits (Galatians 5:22-23) flesh out what Paul means by “Christ formed in you” (Galatians 4:19)?
- Illustrate practically what it means to “crucify” the sinful nature and “keep in step” with the Spirit.
- Describe the presence of the Spirit’s fruit in your life. Where are you seeing lasting change? Where are the old habits of an old way of living cropping up in your life presently, historically?