

Galatians 5:13-18 Walk in the Spirit

1. The offense of the cross • Review

- a. The cross offends the self-righteous, it is foolishness to them. (1 Cor 1:18, 23)
- b. The cross is not enough to them, you must continually do more. (Acts 15:1-2)
- c. Even for Israel, what Christ accomplished was a stumblingblock. (Rom 9:31-33)
- d. No offense? Then just, "be good", "love everyone", "do good things". (Add a law)
- e. You doing nothing because Christ did it? The world does not see this as acceptable.
- f. Yet the power and wisdom of God is found in the preaching of the cross. Don't compromise.

2. Liberty not for the flesh • Gal 5:13-14

- a. Walk how you received the Lord, and as who you are in the Lord. (Col 2:6, 2 Cor 5:16-17)
 - i. Are you who you were in the flesh? (Gal 2:20)
 - ii. Are you a servant of sin? (Rom 6:6-7, 17)
 - iii. Are you a son of God having received the Spirit? (Rom 8:9, 15, Gal 4:6-7)
- b. We're now moving forward with what we've learned in Galatians. We are applying it now.
- c. Sin shall not have dominion over you - by grace. (Rom 6:14)
- d. How do you walk? As children of light, as becometh saints. (Eph 5:8, 3)
- e. Belief and understanding are prerequisites to behavior. (Rom 12:1-2)
- f. Do not serve the flesh. The old man is dead. Col 3:1-2
- g. Keep focused on the prize. Strive for mastery. (Phil 3:14, 1 Cor 9:24-26)
- h. Liberty requires having understanding as men and is not for our own desire. (1 Cor 8:9, 1 Cor 14:20)
- i. By love... serve. This is charity, this is the mind of Christ. This is the "more excellent way". (1 Cor 13:4-7)
- j. The law? Charity does more. Grace and Liberty are more effective than a constant curse.

3. Walk after the Spirit • Gal 5:15-18

- a. How do we not consume one another? We walk after the Spirit.
- b. All things are lawful - but we want things that bring edification and the power of God. (1 Cor 6:12, 10:23)
- c. How do we, in Liberty, walk in service to the Lord and to others? (Rom 8:2)
- d. It's not by the law of Moses, but the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus.
- e. To walk after the Spirit is to walk with a renewed mind. (2 Cor 4:16-18)
 - i. We are bought with a price. (1 Cor 6:20)
 - ii. We must know God's will. (Eph 5:15-17)
 - iii. Be spiritual, restore others, bear one another's burdens. (Gal 6:1-2, 1 Tim 2:24-26)
 - iv. Put on the mind of Christ. (Phil 2:1-8, Eph 5:21)
- f. Walk after the Spirit, "the things of earth will grow strangely dim" (hymn)
- g. This is not you walking after the flesh, the law. This is you, led of the Spirit, this is grace in action. (Rom 8:14)