

# GALATIANS

**The Battleground Of  
The Gospel Pt. 2**

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Galatians 5:16-18

But I say, walk by the Spirit

But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.

Galatians 5:15

For the **desires** of the **flesh** are  
against the Spirit, and the desires of  
the Spirit are against the flesh

A garrison is not free from danger while it has an enemy lodged within. You may bolt all your doors and fasten all your windows; but if the thieves have placed even a little child within doors, who can draw the bolts for them, the house is still unprotected. Our greatest danger is from within. All the devils in hell and tempters on earth could do us no injury if there were no corruption in our nature. The sparks will fall harmlessly if there is no tinder.

– Charles Spurgeon



But I say, **walk** by the Spirit

who **walk** not according to the flesh  
but according to the Spirit.

Romans 8:4



Let us **walk** properly as in the  
daytime, not in orgies and  
drunkenness, not in sexual  
immorality and sensuality, not in  
quarreling and jealousy

Romans 13:3

For if your brother is grieved by what  
you eat, you are no longer **walking**  
in love.

Romans 14:15

But I say, walk by **the Spirit**

But if you are **led by the Spirit**, you  
are not under the law.

5:18

But the **fruit of the Spirit** is love,  
joy, peace, patience, kindness,  
goodness, faithfulness, gentleness,  
self-control; against such things  
there is no law.

5:22-23

The Spirit is not a leader like the pace car in the "Daytona 500." He is a leader like a locomotive on a train. We do not follow in our strength. We are led by his power. So "walk by the Spirit" means stay hooked up to the divine source of power and go wherever he leads.

– John Piper



Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, **work out** your own salvation with fear and trembling, **for it is God who works in you**, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Philippians 2:12-13

But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, **he will bear witness** about me. And **you also will bear witness**, because you have been with me from the beginning.

John 15:26-27



Likewise **the Spirit helps us** in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the **Spirit himself intercedes for us** with groanings too deep for words.

– Romans 8:26

## Ezekiel 36:26-27

I will give you a **NEW HEART** and put a **NEW SPIRIT** within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a **HEART OF FLESH**. "I will put **MY SPIRIT WITHIN YOU** and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them.

No man overcomes the corruptions of  
his heart but by the influence of the  
Spirit of God.  
– Robert Haldane



Are you so foolish? Having **begun by the Spirit**, are you **now being perfected** by the flesh?

Galatians 3:3

The Christian life is essentially life in the Spirit, that is to say, a life which is animated, sustained, directed and enriched by the Holy Spirit. Without the Holy Spirit true Christian discipleship would be inconceivable, indeed impossible.

– John Stott



For to be carnally minded is death,  
but to be spiritually minded is life and  
peace. Because the carnal mind is  
**ENMITY** against God; for it is not  
subject to the law of God, nor indeed  
can be. So then, those who are in the  
flesh cannot please God.

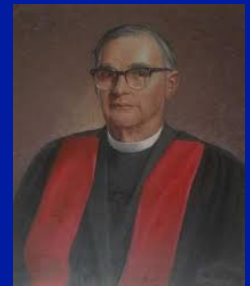
Romans 8:6-8

For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if **by the Spirit** you **put to death the deeds of the body**, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

Romans 8:13

Real life is not a possibility when we choose to luxuriate in the body's deeds. We must renounce all such deeds if we are to experience life in the Spirit. This is not because some meritorious achievement is required of us as a way of earning such life. It is because the two are incompatible. The one excludes the other. There is a living that is death and there is a putting to death that is life.

– Leon Morris





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Galatians 5:16-17

Since believers live in the interval between the already and not yet, perfection is not their portion. Yet believers now have the firstfruits of the Spirit and are a new creation (2 Cor 5:17), and hence Paul is fundamentally optimistic about the new life that is possible for saints.

– Thomas Schreiner

