

Calvary Chapel of El Cajon Women's Bible Studies

Galatians 5:24-26

Lesson 13

Galatians 5:24-26 concludes Paul's encouragement to *walk in the Spirit*. In contrast to the law which demands, believers have the Holy Spirit who enables. As we study Paul's concluding promptings to choose the Spirit over the flesh, may you be infused with the knowledge and settled belief that, because of His power, you may *live* and *walk*, in all that He has for you.

DAY ONE: Read Galatians 5:24-26

1. Read through this week's verses using both your Observation Worksheets and another Bible translation or paraphrase. After reading through these verses, what would you say to someone if they asked you what they were about?
 - a. Galatians 5:24-26 is the last part of the paragraph division ending with verse 26. List below the subjects covered in verses 24-26.

How would you title this section? Record your title on the **Chapter & Paragraph Division Titles Chart** provided with your Observation Worksheets.

After titling this section, record a title for Chapter 5.

2. At the right-hand side of the same chart are columns labeled **Key Word** and **Symbol**. They have been provided for you to record the key words and the symbol you have chosen to represent each one. Record the key words listed below and their symbols on the chart.

Used in previous lesson: *Christ, Spirit, and live*

Now, using the symbols you have chosen, mark each of the key words each time they are used in Galatians 5:24-26.

3. Paul closes chapter 5 (verses 25, 26) with two instructions to believers. What are they?

DAY TWO: Review Galatians 5:16-23

1. Before we study the final verses of Galatians 5, it would be profitable to review the preceding verses. Read Galatians 5:16,17. What does Galatians 5:16 promise to be the result of *walking in the Spirit*?

Challenge: Explain what it means to *not fulfill the lust of the flesh*.

- a. Using verse 17, describe the relationship between the *flesh* and the *Spirit*.

- 1.) What have you personally discovered about this truth?

2. Read Galatians 5:18 and the last part of verse 23. What statement is similar in these two verses?

- a. How does *walking in the Spirit* eliminate the need to concentrate on obeying *the law*?

- b. In contrast, why does obedience to *the law* not always reflect a life that is *walking in the Spirit*?

3. View the *works of the flesh* in verses 19-21 and the *fruit of the Spirit* in verses 22,23. Record some of your observations.

4. Review Lessons 10-12 of your previous Galatians homework. Share something you learned from the homework, group discussion, or the message.

DAY THREE: Read Galatians 5:24

1. What does Galatians 5:24 declare about those *who are Christ's*?

a. Compare Galatians 5:24 with Galatians 2:20. What similarities do you see?

2. Even though, as a believer, our sin nature has been crucified with Christ, there is a continual battle between the flesh and the Spirit (Galatians 5:17). Satan also enters this battle. One of his methods to bring the believer into bondage is to use the weaknesses of the flesh, certain *passions and desires*. How would the following scriptures help a believer to walk in victory?

Luke 9:23

Romans 6:13

Romans 13:14

Galatians 5:24

a. Share your thoughts as to how, in a practical sense, a believer is to apply these scriptures.

b. Why is it necessary to understand and apply the truth of Galatians 5:24 to better experience the *fruit of the Spirit* mentioned in verse 23?

DAY FOUR: Read Galatians 5:25

1. The believer has a new life through the Spirit because of faith in Christ. Write the instruction to the believer given in this verse.

- a. The word *if* could be translated “since”. The word *walk* in this verse is a military term and means to “step in order or march in rank”. Using these definitions, complete this verse:

S _____ *we live in the Spirit, let us also s* _____ i _____ o _____ *or*

m _____ i _____ r _____ *in the Spirit.*

- 1.) Considering the definitions above, explain what this verse is instructing the believer to do.
2. *If we are living now by the Holy Spirit, let us follow the Holy Spirit's leading in every part of our lives* (Galatians 5:25 NLT). Consider the phrase *every part of our lives*. How does this speak to you?

- a. What could hinder a believer from *living* and *walking in the Spirit*?

3. As believers we either walk in the flesh or *live* and *walk in the Spirit*. How could Ephesians 5:18 ensure Galatians 5:25 living?
4. Record something specific that would be different in your life if you heeded the instructions of this verse.

DAY FIVE: Read Galatians 5:26

1. What three behaviors does Galatians 5:26 admonish us to avoid?

a. Define or list synonyms for each:

conceited

provoking one another

envying one another

1.) How would walking in the *fruit of the Spirit* eliminate each of these?

2. The word translated as *conceited* has also been translated in other versions as *vain glory*. What do the following verses teach us about this attitude?

Luke 14:10

1 Corinthians 3:7

Philippians 2:1-3

a. What have you learned that helps you remind yourself to avoid *conceit* in your life?

3. We are also to avoid *provoking one another* and *envying one another*. What have you personally experienced to be the result of these behaviors?

a. What does James 3:14-16 teach us about this?

b. Now, what does James 3:17-18 teach us?

1.) How are these verses in James a good check for the believer when evaluating our behavior?

DAY SIX: Review Galatians 5:24-26

1. This portion of Scripture contains both a positive and a negative admonition. Once again, record the positive instruction from Galatians 5:25.
 - a. Describe the life that *walks in the Spirit*.
 - b. This should be the desire of all believers. Record one thing in your life that you desire to be different so that your life better reflects a life that *walks in the Spirit*.
2. Record the negative instruction from Galatians 5:26.
 - a. In what ways do these attitudes stifle the work of the Holy Spirit?
3. Share something that has impacted you from this lesson.

*Those who live according to the sinful nature
have their minds set on what that nature desires;
but those who live in accordance with the Spirit
have their minds set on what the Spirit desires.*
- Romans 8:5 NIV