

Bible Study Series: The Book of Galatians

Chapter 5

Verse 14

- ◆ Romans 5:5 teaches the love of God has been shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit that has been given unto us.
- We now have been given a divine supernatural capacity to love _____ and _____.

Verse 15

- A. The Galatian churches had been deceived into living by law rather than by grace. What did the Judaizer's legalism produce? It produced fighting, bickering, _____ division, and strife.
- B. Let this be a lesson: the law can legislate and demand righteousness, but it can't _____ people to keep it. It cannot change the _____.

Verses 16-18

- A. God has given Christians something better than the law. He has given believers His very _____ to indwell them. Ephesians 1:13; 1 Corinthians 6:19; 2 Corinthians 1:21-22
- B. What is the flesh? The flesh is that part of you that is unregenerate and at enmity with God.
 - *"The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."* Matthew 26:41
 - *"It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing..."* John 6:63
 - *"For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing..."* Romans 7:18
 - *"So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin."* Romans 7:25
- C. It is important to realize that while the flesh is no longer the Christian's identity (Galatians 5:24; Colossians 2:11-13), it is still _____ in the life of a believer. Paul makes this clear in verse 17.

- The flesh and the Spirit are _____ adversaries.
- D. What is the result of this struggle? Paul tells the Galatians, “...so *that ye cannot do the things that ye would.*”
- In context, what “things” did they want to do? The _____ of the law. 3:2-3
 - Paul is saying, “You can’t live by the law. It is impossible. The _____ will not allow it. You will never measure up. You will end up frustrated and miserable.”
- E. But there is an answer to this dreadful dilemma of the flesh. The answer is to simply be _____ of the Spirit. vs. 18
- Walking in the Spirit simply means that I am yielded to Christ and totally relying on His Spirit as my _____ of life and strength.
- F. When we are walking in the Spirit, Christ is _____ His divine life through us. Galatians 2:20; 2 Corinthians 4:10
- This is a life of freedom from the taskmaster of the _____. vs. 18
 - This is a life of freedom from the sinful lusts of the _____. vs. 16