

CONFLICT BETWEEN THE FLESH AND THE SPIRIT

- I. **THE FLESH & THE SPIRIT: ENEMIES IN A BATTLE FOR THE SOUL** - Gal.5:16-18.
 - A. Define Terms:
 1. The flesh: Carnality (1 Cor. 3:3); Anti-spiritual (against God, not submissive to God); Services & satisfies sensual lusts (Rom. 6:12; 8:5-7,13); Can't please God (Rom. 8:8); Produces death (Rom. 8:6).
 2. The Spirit of God: Dwells (Rom. 8:9-11) in one who: Sets his mind on the gospel (Rom. 8:5); Lives in harmony with the gospel (Rom. 8:1, 4-5); Submits to law of God (Rom. 8:7; Gal. 5:16, 18, 25); Grants life & peace (Rom. 8:6).
- II. **WORKS OF THE FLESH - Gal. 5:19-21.**
 - A. They Are Well-Known, 5:19 (1 Jno. 2:15-16).
 - B. Those Who Practice These Things are Lost - 5:21.
 - C. We Must Crucify the Flesh - Gal. 5:24 (2:20; Col. 3:5).
- III. **HOW TO WALK IN, BE LED BY & LIVE IN THE SPIRIT**
- Gal. 5:16, 18, 25.
 - A. The Spirit of God Does not Lead us by. Force, direct operation (HS baptism), feelings (Prov. 14:12), confident assurances of friends.
 - B. The Spirit Leads by the Word He Revealed, Inspired & Confirmed - Gal.5:25 - Gal. 1:6-7; 3:2; Jno. 16:8-13; Eph. 5:18 & Col. 3:16; Gal. 5:7.
- IV. **THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT, Gal. 5:22-23**
 - A. It is What Living by the Gospel (which the Spirit gave) Produces in One's Life.
 1. "The harvest or outcropping of the Spirit."
 2. The visible expression of a heart & life that is under the influence of the gospel - Matt. 7:16 (Rom. 8:6-9, 13-14).
 - B. The Fruit of the Spirit is Comprehensive - 5:22 (heart, Rom. 5:5), thought (2 Cor. 10:5), word & deed (Col. 3:16-17).

Conclusion:

1. Do you recognize the conflict between your flesh and spirit?
2. Do you know which is winning the war or do you care?
3. How long before you decide to quit fight against the spirit and submit to God.
4. Through Baptism you will receive forgiveness and a peace that will surpass all of your understanding. If you are a Christian, repent and pray for forgiveness.