

## **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.