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# THE SPIRIT AND HIS WORK

*The Spirit and the  
Christian Life*

# Galatians 5:13-26; 6:8, 15-16

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<sup>13</sup> For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. <sup>14</sup> For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>15</sup> But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.



# Galatians 5:13-26; 6:8, 15-16

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<sup>16</sup> But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup> For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. <sup>18</sup> But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.



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<sup>19</sup> Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, <sup>20</sup> idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, <sup>21</sup> envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. <sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.



# Galatians 5:13-26; 6:8, 15-16

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<sup>24</sup> And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

<sup>25</sup> If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. <sup>26</sup> Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another...




# Galatians 5:13-26; 6:8, 15-16

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<sup>6:8</sup> For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life...

<sup>15</sup> For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. <sup>16</sup> And as for all who walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God.



# *“Spirit” in Galatians 5:13-6:16*

“Walk by the Spirit”

“Desires of the Spirit”

“Led by the Spirit”

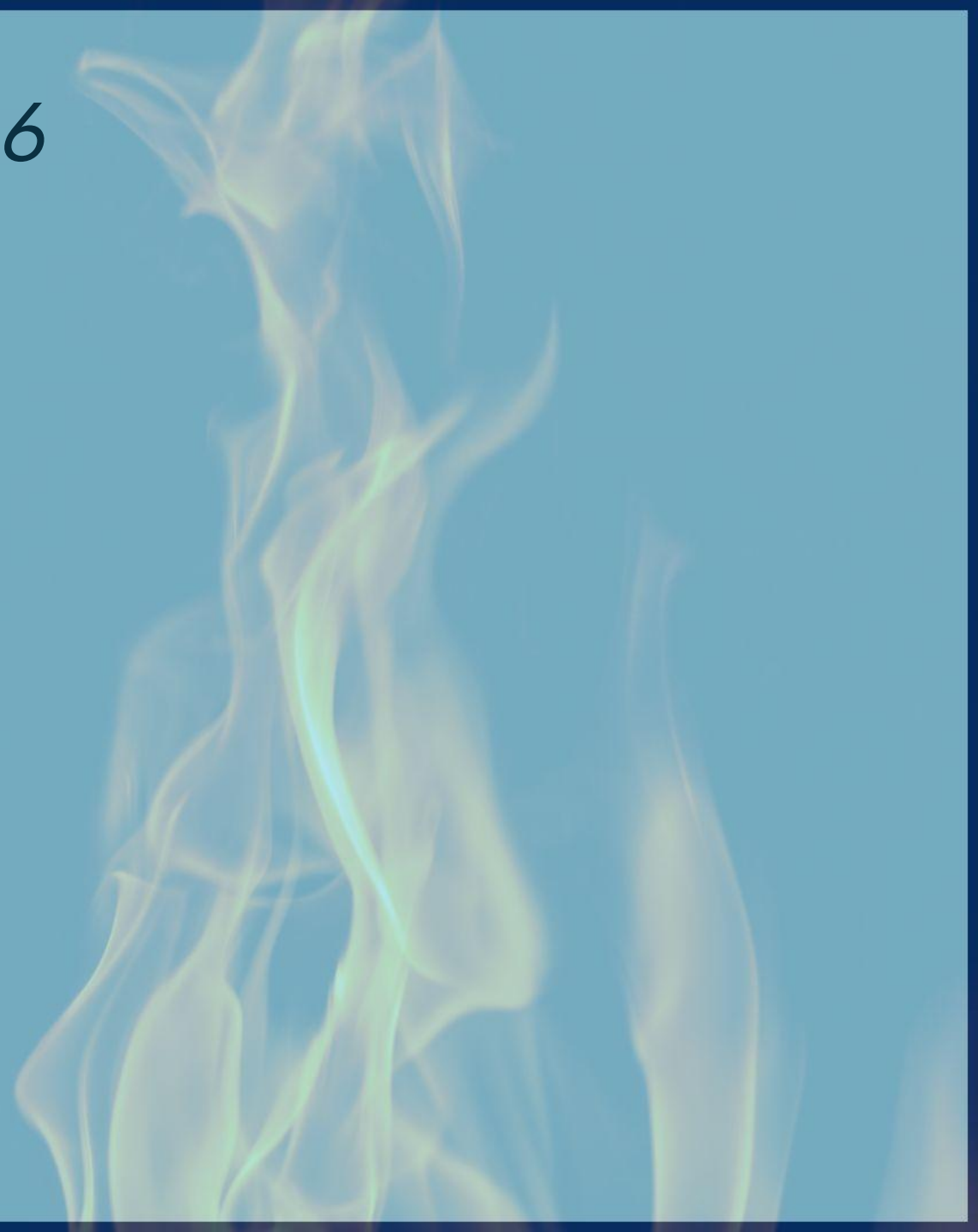
“Fruit of the Spirit”

“Live by the Spirit”

“Keep in step with the Spirit”

“Sow to the Spirit”

“Reap from the Spirit”





1. The Spirit provides for the believer's walk.

*Galatians 5:16-17*

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## Walk

- Psalm 1:1 Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked...
- Micah 6:8 ...to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?



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Walk



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## Walk

- Activity

*... through love serve one another. For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Galatians 5:13-14)*

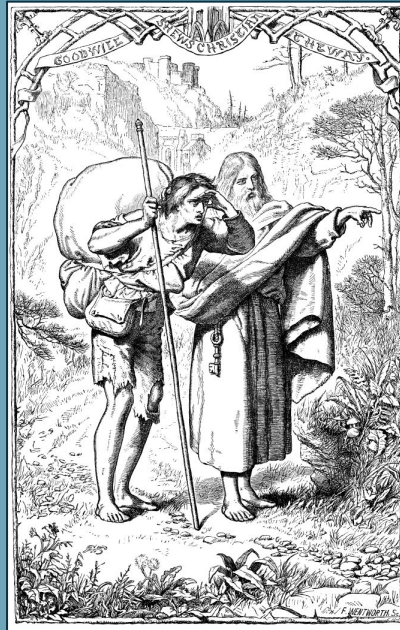


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## Walk

### - Journey

*"we... beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.*

*(2 Cor. 3:18)*



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## Walk

- Motivation (desires)

*For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. (Galatians 5:17)*



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## Provision

### - Guidance

*We walk by faith, not by sight.* (2 Cor. 5:7)

*For through the Spirit, by faith, we ourselves eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness.* (Galatians 5:5)



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## Provision

- Power / ability

*Walk by the Spirit... (Galatians 5:16)*



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- Power / ability

*Walk by the Spirit... (Gal. 5:16)*

*And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. (Gal. 5:24)*





The root of holiness is co-crucifixion and co-resurrection with Jesus Christ. We need to realize and remember that the believer's holiness is a matter of learning to be in action what he already is in the heart. In other words, it is a matter of living out the life and expressing the disposition and instinct, that is, the new nature that God wrought in him by creating him anew in Christ...



In pursuing holiness by obeying God the Christian follows the deepest urge of his own renewed being... We could call it his Christ nature or his Christ instinct... True holiness is the Christian's true fulfillment, for it is the doing of that which deep down he now most wants to do according to the urging of his new, dominant instincts in Christ." (*Keep in Step with the Spirit*, p 107-108)

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Result

- Great hope

*Walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. (Gal. 5:16)*



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# GALATIANS

GOSPEL-ROOTED LIVING



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Now, this is an amazing promise! Victory over the flesh in the warfare of daily life! Indeed, the original Greek is even stronger than the English. What Paul in effect wants to say is this: "If you walk by the Spirit, you will in no way, not a chance, absolutely not fulfill the desires of the flesh!" In our fight against the flesh, Paul's confidence in the Spirit is boundless! (*Galatians: Gospel-Rooted Living*, p 198)



2. The Spirit presides over the believer's walk.

*Galatians 5:18, 25*

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

*(Gal. 5:18)*

*If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.*

*(Gal. 5:25)*





## 2. The Spirit presides over the believer's walk.

### Result

- Great humility, harmony

*But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another. (Gal. 5:15)*

*Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another. (Gal. 5:26)*



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Result

- Great humility, harmony

*And as for all who walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God. (Gal. 6:16)*





3. The Spirit produces fruit in the believer's life.

*Galatians 5:19-23*

### 3. The Spirit produces fruit in the believer's life.

Desires □ Actions □ Habits □ Character



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"Works of the flesh" (5:19-21); "Fruit of the Spirit" (5:22-23)

a) Not exhaustive

b) Context: community life



### 3. The Spirit produces fruit in the believer's life.

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Fruit:

- a) Natural
- b) Gradual
- c) Evidence of life

*I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. (John 15:5)*



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# Pilgrim Theology

CORE DOCTRINES FOR CHRISTIAN DISCIPLES



Through the centuries many have emphasized the Christian life as the imitation of Christ. There are certainly calls to imitate Christ's humility and service in the New Testament. However, even these imperatives are based on the indicative fact of union. In other words, Jesus Christ is not simply a great man, even a divine man, who calls us to become like him.

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The gospel proclaims something far more wonderful than the law of moral striving. It announces that all who are in Christ are actually coheirs with him of his estate, members of his body. Grafted by the Spirit onto the Vine, we bear fruit that is not just like his own, as if he were merely a model to imitate, but is in fact the fruit that ripens from the sap of his own eschatological life, because he is our covenant head. (p 273)

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Fruit:

- a) Natural
- b) Gradual
- c) Evidence of life
- d) Evidence of health



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Result:

Greater holiness



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The choice:

Death or life

*For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. (Gal. 6:8)*





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The sufficiency of the Spirit and not ourselves—this ought to be the best news in the world for all of us. It ought to be especially sweet music in the ear of a few folks. I'm thinking especially of tired legalists who are convinced that Christianity is all about coloring within the lines.

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And it ought to be good news to grumpy moralists who deep down are really depressed by the fact that despite their best efforts to live a good Christian life, they don't seem to be able to do it very well, perhaps not at all. And it ought to be good news to insecure hypocrites, those who know their life—especially their private life—doesn't match their profession; they don't walk the talk.

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So they are insecure, hoping no one pulls back the curtain to discover who they really are.

Through the gospel God has done what needs to be done to put us in good standing in our warfare against the flesh. When we embrace Christ Jesus by faith, we are crucified together with him (Gal. 2:20), and thus our “flesh with its passions and desires” is crucified (5:24).

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But not only are we put to death, we're raised to newness of life by the Spirit. In fact, as Paul says, "We live by the Spirit" (5:25). This simple statement summarizes the whole. The Spirit is sufficient for life; "we live by the Spirit."

(p 202)

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