

Galatians

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free.
Stand firm, then, and do not be encumbered
once more by a yoke of slavery. Galatians 5:1



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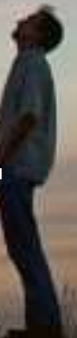
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17 For the flesh craves what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh.

They are opposed to each other, so that you do not do what you want.

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



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**19 The acts of the flesh are obvious:
sexual immorality, impurity, and
debauchery;**

20 idolatry and sorcery;

hatred, discord, jealousy, and rage;

selfish ambition, divisions, factions,

21 and envy; drunkenness, orgies,

and the like.

**I warn you, as I did before, that those who
practice such things will not inherit the
kingdom of God.**



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23 gentleness, and self-control.
Against such things there is no law.



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24 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

25 Since we live by the Spirit, let us walk in step with the Spirit.

26 Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying one another.



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Walk by the Spirit

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(Put off the old man)

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(Put on the new man)



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Five misconceptions about “walking in the Spirit”

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The truth is that the Gospel is the power and the pattern for walking by the Spirit.



Ephesians 4

22 ... put off your former way of life, **your old self**, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires;

23 **to be renewed in the spirit of your minds;**

24 and to put on the **new self**, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.



Romans 7

25...So then, with my **mind** I serve the law of God,

...but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.

Romans 8

5 Those who live according to the flesh set their **minds** on the things of the flesh;

but those who live according to the Spirit set their **minds** on the things of the Spirit.

6 The **mind** of the flesh is death,

but the **mind** of the Spirit is life and peace,

Colossians 3

1 If then you have been raised with Christ, **seek the things that are above**, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

2 Set your **minds on things above**, not on earthly things.



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Five misconceptions about “walking in the Spirit”

2. We think “walking by the Spirit” should come naturally...

...and feel just like walking by the flesh

The truth is that in the flesh, we know its desires because they are easily felt...

...while in the Spirit, we know His desires by faith



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Revelation 2

7 He who has an ear,

let him hear what the Spirit says

to the churches.



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3. We think that since our flesh has been crucified and made dead...

...that means that it is powerless

The truth is, it is dead in a sense, but is still able to control us and also destroy us

We are to continue to deny it, reject it, starve it, beat it, and kill it daily



Romans 6

10 The death He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life He lives, He lives to God.

11 So you too must **count yourselves dead to sin**, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.



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4. We think “walking by the Spirit” means He does all the work ...

...I should be able to “let go” and let Him...

The truth is that it is a simultaneous coming together of...

(1) me making every effort...

(2) while the Spirit supplies all the power



Acts 1

8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

1 Corinthians 15

9 For I am the least of the apostles and am unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace to me was not in vain.

**No, I worked harder than all of them—
yet not I, but the grace of God that was with
me.**



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5. We think “walking by the Spirit” is something we do alone and on our own

The truth is that it is something we do as a member of the body of Christ



Ephesians 4

7 Now to each one of us grace has been given according to the measure of the gift of Christ.

14 Then we will no longer be infants, tossed about by the waves and carried around by every wind of teaching and by the clever cunning of men in their deceitful scheming.

15 Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into Christ Himself, who is the head.

16 From Him the whole body, fitted and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love ...

through the work of each individual part.

