

Welcome to *Faith Bible Church!*

November 28, 2021

Order of Service:

Opening Hymn: *Virginia Grosskurth*

Invocation

Scripture Reading: Galatians 6:1-5 *Ed Ostrowski*

Announcements

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn: *Virginia Grosskurth*

Message: *The Spiritual Galatians* (Galatians 6:1-5)

Announcements

Josh Dennis decided he can't move without a car, so if you know anyone selling a dependable one, see the pastor.

Prayer Request Update: Pastor Kurth's stem cell treatment on the herniated disc in his back will take place *this* Tuesday morning in St. Louis, not last week as announced last week.

Scripture Reading Readers: If you would like to read our Scripture Reading some Sunday, see the pastor!

Faith Bible Bowling: Tracy South is looking into which bowling alley and date would best suit our needs.

Our offering box is located just left of the kitchen door.

Pick up today's cross reference sheet & silence your phone.

Galatians 5:17-26 *The Holy Spirit's Desire*

"Lust" means *a strong desire* (Eph.2:3), and when we lust for the sins of the flesh, the Spirit lusts "against" us (Gal.6:1). He wants something "contrary" or *opposite* (cf. Acts 27:4) for us. This sets off *a battle* Paul says we "cannot" win (Gal.6:1)—*if* you put yourself under the law like the Galatians did! Not even Paul could win then (Rom.7:15-24)!

That's because the law *riles sin up* (Rom.7:5) and *revives it* if it starts to nod off in your life (7:9). The way to have victory over sin is not by the law, it's by *walking after the Spirit* (Rom.8:4; Gal.5:16). That involves being "*led* by the Spirit" (Rom.8:14) as opposed to being *driven by the law*. The law *drove* the Jews by telling them "Thou shalt" and "shalt not," and punishing them if they disobeyed. But it can't drive *us* to obey God, for He is no longer punishing us if we don't.

Instead, the law "worketh wrath" (Rom.4:15) the same way fathers can provoke children to wrath (Eph.6:4). Spanking doesn't do that; a father's *rules* anger a child. Spanking provokes *fear*. But then, if you don't spank him, all that's left is the anger he feels for your rules. And now that God is not spanking us, all that's left is the anger we feel for His rules due to our fallen Adamic nature. So remember that we are led by God's Spirit instead (Gal.5:18).

Legalists say no *real* Christian could commit sins like fornication (Gal.5:19), and if he does, *it proves he's not saved*. That's a dispensational error based on Matthew 7:16-20, words the Lord spoke to people heading toward Pente-cost, where they'd be filled with the Spirit and *couldn't sin* (Jo.3:9). If they did, it proved *they weren't saved* (v.10). You can't know a man by his fruits *today* though. If it were not possible for *us* to commit fornication,

Paul wouldn't've had to tell us not to (Eph.5:3). Any of us can commit *any* sin.

Why would Paul say if you've ever committed fornication you can't inherit God's kingdom (Gal.5:19-21)? Well, he said the same thing to the Corinthians, but added "ye are washed...justified" (ICor.6:9-11). Now you're no longer a dirty fornicator, you're a washed saint (ICor.1:2) who's cap-able of committing fornication. God has given you a *new identity* that can't sin. Only your old man can (Rom.7:20). But you *shouldn't* sin just because you know you're immune from the wrath of God that will fall on men because of their sin (Eph.5:3-7). That's why Paul uses words like *tell* and *told* to say you can't inherit the kingdom, not *warn* (Gal.5:21).

While the new you can't sin like unsaved men can, unsaved men can't bear the fruit of the Spirit like you can (Gal.5:22). When *they* are "longsuffering," it is a work of *iniquity* (cf. Mt.7:22,23). They can't bear the fruit of the Spirit because they don't *have* the Spirit. Good works done by unsaved men are works of their self-righteous flesh. Remember, God warned Adam not to eat of the tree of "*good* and evil."

The law makes us sin because our fallen nature wants to *defy* God's law, but there's no law against the fruit of the Spirit (Gal.5:23), so there's nothing in our nature to make us want to bear it to defy God's law. We must *choose* to bear it.

Your flesh may *feel* alive and able to lust after sin, but it was "crucified" with Christ (Gal.5:24) when your old man was crucified with Him (Rom.6:6) when you got saved. That's how you *got* your new identity. When your old man died, God raised you with Christ (Rom.6:4) and gave you a *new* man. All you have to do is *act* like him (Col.3:3-5).

Since it was the Spirit who made you one with Christ in His death, burial and resurrection (ICor.12:13), you "live" in Him (Gal.5:25), i.e., you have your *eternal* life in Him. If so, verse 25 says you should *walk* in Him. If you put yourself under the law instead, you'll be "desirous of vain glory" (v. 26), i.e., desiring men to tell you how well you're keeping the law, or "envying" those you think are keeping it better.

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November 28, 2021

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Thornton Harrison, Assistant Pastor Paul Balbach

Morning Service: 10:45 a.m.

Pastor Ricky Kurth

Junior Church: 10:45 a.m.

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