

SUNDAY SCHOOL

05/29/2022

The Spiritual Fruit of Freedom Galatians 5:16 – 26

Section Review

God Frees and Redeems Liberating Letters

- **5/1: Romans 6:1-14;** Paul implores believers to live their lives according to the freedom they now have in Christ Jesus
- **5/8: Romans 8:18-30;** Paul implores believers to live by the Spirit of God which aids to conform believers into the image of the Son
- **5/15: Galatians 3:15-29;** Paul explains the meaning of the Law and how the true Seed of Abraham fulfills the Abrahamic Covenant
- **5/22: Galatians 5:1-15;** Paul warned the Church in Galatia not to return to religious practices that lead to bondage to the Law

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Background

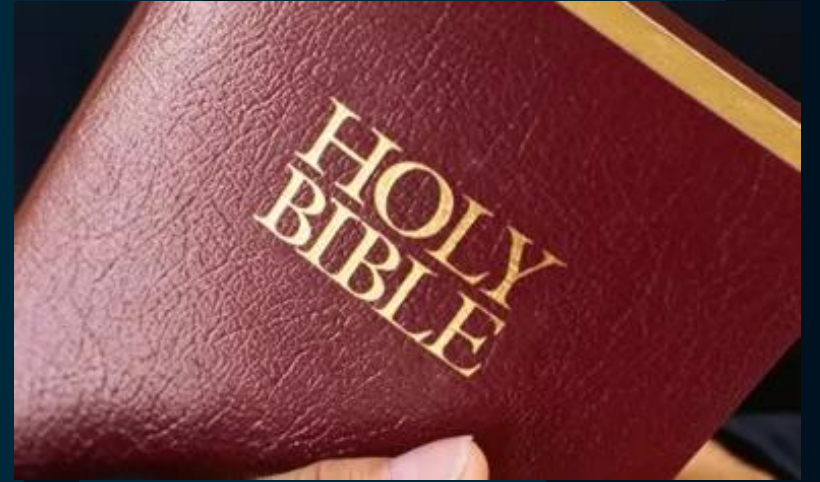
- The Bible makes it clear that everyone receives the Holy Spirit the moment he or she believes in Jesus Christ (**Romans 8:9; 1 Corinthians 12:13; Ephesians 1:13-14**).
- Although all Believers have the Spirit, we still struggle as Paul did in against our flesh – it doesn't leave us (**Romans 7:14-25**)
- In today's lesson, Paul helps us to understand how we can know what is controlling us

Lesson Text

Walking in the Spirit

GALATIANS 5:16 – 18 (NKJV)

¹⁶ I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.



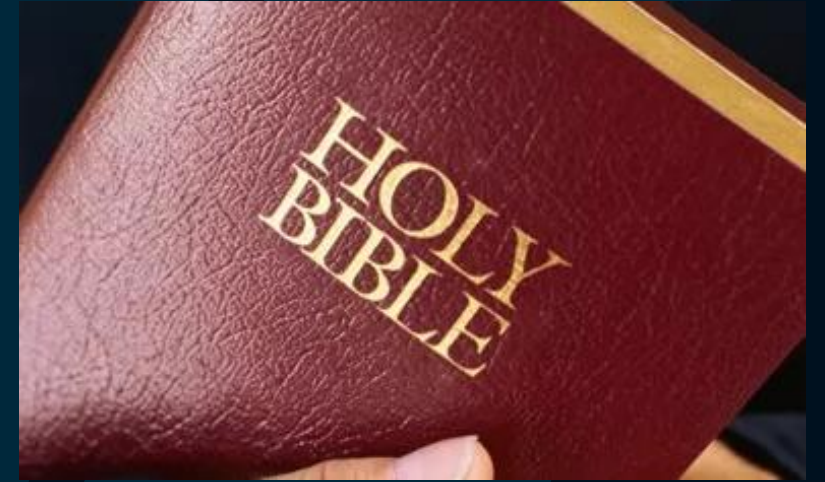
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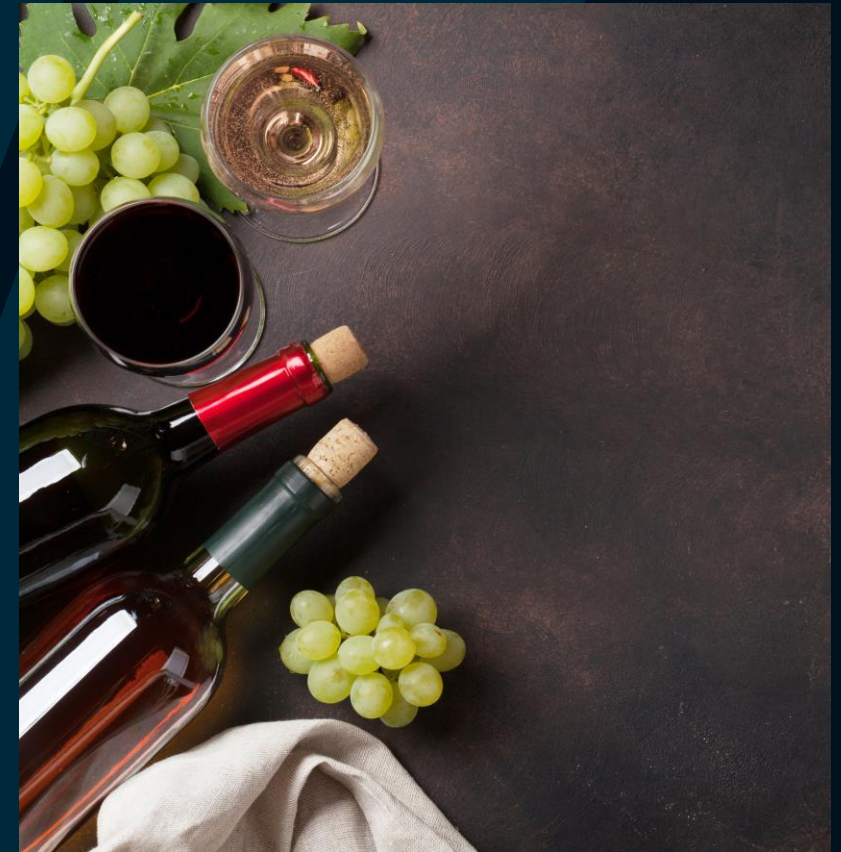
GALATIANS 5:19 – 21 (NKJV)

¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: ²⁰ [a]adultery, [b]fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, ²¹ envy, [c]murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who **practice** such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.



Commentary: Practice in the Flesh

- **Sin** – any thought or action that goes against God, whether by commission or omission, whether intentional or unintentional
 - E.g. – unknowingly getting drunk
- **Transgression** – intentional sin, knowing it's wrong, but doing it anyway regardless of the consequences
 - E.g. knowingly getting drunk
- **Iniquity** – transgression that has become lifestyle to such a degree you do not know anything else or can no longer have self-control
 - E.g. Alcoholism
- **Not every work of the flesh manifests itself in every person or to the same degree**



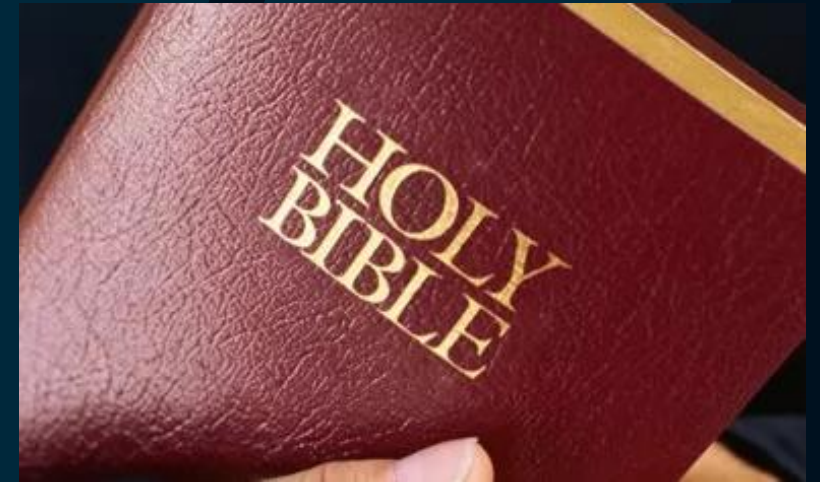
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Walking in the Spirit

GALATIANS 5:22 – 26 (NKJV)

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ [d]gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. ²⁴ And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. ²⁶ Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

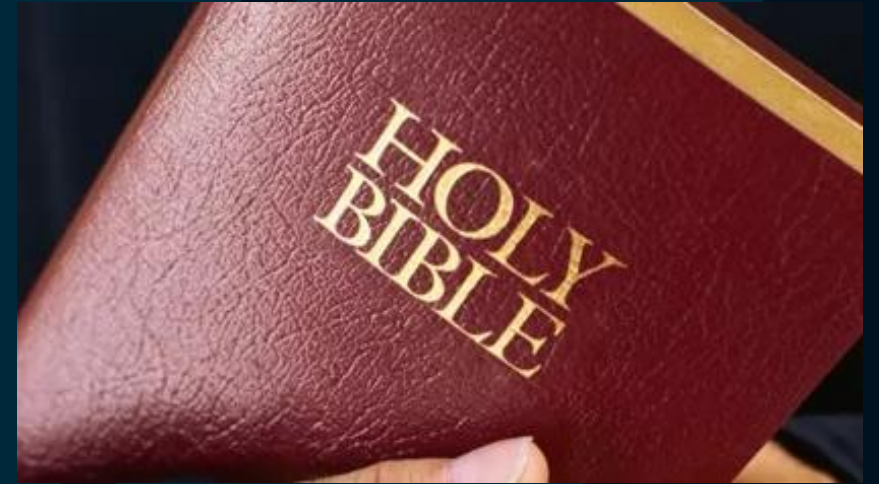


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Commentary: Exercise in the Spirit

- As stated in the background, we receive the Spirit on conversion, but just having it does not actualize Him in our lives
- The Holy Spirit is not an artifact, but a person that must be engaged and worked with
- Just as in exercise or any endeavor, you work – often by the sweat of your brow (Genesis 3:19) to receive the benefits of that exercise
- There is also no such thing as a single exercise. Growth is expected in ALL fruit of the Spirit

Scripture References



"Physical training is good, but training for godliness is much better, promising benefits in this life and in the life to come."

1 Timothy 4:8 (NLT)

Church School Creed & Benediction

CREED

Our Church School must grow & grow
And we must help to make it so
Every member a **Christian**
Every Christian a **worker**
Every worker **trained**
A worker that **will not be ashamed**
This we ask in Jesus' name

-AMEN

BENEDICTION

We have come
We have studied
We have learned
So until our next coming together
To study God's word
May His rich blessings reside with you
And may His Grace be eternally yours

-AMEN