

Sermon Notes, June 27, 2010

Life in the Spirit

Lectionary C, Part 25 of 52

Galatians 5:1, 16-26

Pastor Dan's Messages on Christian Freedom

1. *Overcoming Your Past* (Galatians 1)
2. *Liberty or Bondage: Your Choice* (Galatians 2:11-21)

The Problem of Starting and Not Finishing

(Gal 5:1 NIV) *It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.*

1. Relapsing into _____ (5:2-12)
2. Relapsing into _____ (5:13-21)

Derek Redmond's Story. _____

The Solution for Consistent Freedom = Holy Spirit.

1. The Holy Spirit is mentioned _____ times in 5:16-26
2. *"It is Christ who sets us free. But without the continuing, directing, sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit our liberty is bound to degenerate into license."* —John Stott

TWO TRUTHS ABOUT LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

1. _____ is a Fact of Life.

(Gal 5:16-17 NIV) *So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. {17} For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want.*

The Works of the Flesh (vss. 19-21)

1. The Area of _____: *immorality, impurity, debauchery*
2. The Area of _____: *idolatry and witchcraft*
3. The Area of _____: *hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions, envy.*
4. The Area of _____ *drunkenness, orgies*

Those who do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God (vs. 21).

Refers to _____ practice rather than an isolated lapse.

The Fruit of the Spirit (vss. 22-23)

1. Virtues with Regard to _____: *love, joy, peace*
2. Virtues with Regard to _____: *patience, kindness, goodness*
3. Virtues with Regard to _____: *faithfulness, gentleness, self-control*
4. *Against such things there is no law* (vs. 23).

2. _____ is a Way of Life.

Crucifixion of the Flesh. _____

(Gal 5:24 NIV) *Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires.*

vs.

(Gal 2:20 NIV) *I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me.*

Walking by the Spirit. _____

1. God's Part: L_____ by the Spirit (vs. 18). _____

2. Our Part: W_____ by the Spirit (vss. 16 and 25). _____

A Way of Life. _____

*Sow a thought, and you reap an act;
Sow an act, and you reap a habit;
Sow a habit, and you reap a character;
Sow a character, and you reap a destiny.*