

Messes and Masterpieces: Enjoying Supernatural Life

Galatians 5:16-26

6-16-19

I. Walk in the Spirit. (Galatians 5:1, 16-18)

Flesh - The appetites and strategies we use to live for self-satisfaction opposed to being satisfied in Christ.

Ephesians 5:18 - "Be filled with the Holy Spirit..."

Colossians 3:16 - "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly..."

II. Put on the new self. (Galatians 5:19-21, 24)

1. Sensual sins - Living for earthly pleasures over God's pleasures.
2. Spirit-realm sins - Living for "spiritual" substitutes over the indwelling Holy Spirit.
3. Social sins - Living to please people over the Lord.

Ephesians 4:21-24 - "...you were taught in Him...to put off your old self...your former manner of life ...and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds... and put on the new self, created after the likeness of God..."

Romans 12:1-2 - "...present your bodies as a living sacrifice... Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind..."

Titus 2:11-12 - "For the grace of God has appeared... training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions...to live...godly lives in the present age."

III. Bear much fruit. (Galatians 5:22-26)

John 15:7-8 - "Jesus said, 'If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.'"

For Discussion This Week

1. What are some ways in which you feel loved and valued by others? How does the Holy Spirit empower you to show love to others?
2. What would crucifying our flesh (earthly passions that fights against God's will) look like on a daily basis?
3. Why should we never separate the Spirit's work in our lives from God's Word? (Ephesians 5:18-21 and Colossians 3:16-20)
4. What are some ways we can daily put on the new self and enjoy the supernatural life in Christ? (Lamentations 3:23, Luke 9:23, Romans 6:6, Ephesians 5:15-18)
5. Discuss the three truths of living out the fruit of the Holy Spirit and use these to pray for one another.