

## *to the churches of Galatia*

#11, flesh problems, Gal 5:13-26

The born again Christian has been set free from the works of the law! There are very real responsibilities for those who have this freedom. In this lesson we will look at one of the possible “side effects” that can happen to a Christian and how to correct it.

13 For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

14 For the whole Law is fulfilled in one word, in the statement, “YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.”

15 But if you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

[1.] v:13, through love serve one another. **Because Paul had to tell them this, how would you suppose the Galatians thinking and acting?**

[2.] question [1.], Review I Jn 2:7-11. **What is written regarding true Christianity?**

[3.] v:14, the whole Law is fulfilled, **Why is this a difficult truth to accept?**

[4.] v:14 **again**, the whole Law is fulfilled, **How do those live who possess this in their lives?**

[5.] **The church as a Spiritual family! Abraham - our father, is the father of many nations! Jot down some elements of the church family.**

[6.] v:3, if you bite and devour one another, **What does this phrase conger up in your mind?**

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16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.

17 For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please.

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

[7.] v:16, But I say, walk by the Spirit, Let's be honest. What is it about our fleshy body that makes this difficult to do?

[8.] question [7.] What is God's promise from this verse?

[9.] v:17, in opposition to one another, This is a picture of a battle ground inside each Christian. How does Satan want Christians to respond?

[10.] Something to think about! Satan always gives his own way out. In this case, what do you think it is?

[11.] v:18, led by the Spirit, Here is that phrase again. What was the promise for one who is obedient to v:16?

[12.] v:18 again, What is the promise from this verse?

[13.] v:18, The inverse is also true. Fill in the blank. . . if you are **not** led by the Spirit, you are:

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19 Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality, 20 idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, 21 envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you, just as I have forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

**practice**, NT:4238 (*pras'-so*); a primary verb; to "practise", i.e. perform repeatedly or habitually (thus differing from NT:4160, which properly refers to a single act); by implication, to execute, accomplish, etc.; specifically, to collect (dues), fare (personally):  
KJV - commit, deeds, do, exact, keep, require, use arts.

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22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

[14.] v:21, and things like these, **Considering Rom 8:29**, which of these descriptions remind you of one conformed to the image of Christ?

[15.] v:21 again, those who practice such things , We know that even as Christians we all do sin. After reviewing the definition, write down the difference between sinning and practicing sin

[16.] v:22-23, Write down your own meanings for the following.

love, \_\_\_\_\_

joy, \_\_\_\_\_

peace, \_\_\_\_\_

patience, \_\_\_\_\_

kindness, \_\_\_\_\_

goodness, \_\_\_\_\_

faithfulness, \_\_\_\_\_

gentleness, \_\_\_\_\_

self-control, \_\_\_\_\_

[17.] v:23, against such things, **What is the promise from this verse?**

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

25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. 26 Let us not become boastful, challenging one another, envying one another.

[18.] v:24, crucified the flesh, **Once again** considering Rom 8:29, why or why wouldn't one who had crucified their desires remind you of one conformed to the image of Christ?

[19.] v:25-26, challenging one another, **Write down an example of a child of God challenging another child of God**

### **NOTES**