

Book of Galatians
(God's Written Law vs Rabbinical Oral Law)

2018 Part 18



Last Week we covered the

Works of the Flesh = Brings Death

(When you walk by the “Works of the Flesh” you walk in death)

Today we will cover the

Fruits of the Spirit – Brings Life

(When you walk by the “Fruits of the Spirit” you walk in life)

We Read Gal 5/16-26

In these verses Paul explains that within us there is a “Battle” going on between two beings that exist within us.

The Flesh Being & The Spirit Being

The goal of a Believer is to gradually “put to death” the Flesh and “strengthen” the Spirit!!!

The Battle Is Between Two Ways of Living According to the Flesh vs According to the Spirit

- *Gal 5:16-18 I say then: Walk in the Spirit (walk according to the way Jesus walked...according to the commandments of the Father), and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh (the flesh is opposite to the way Jesus walked). 17 For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, 18 But if you are led by the Spirit (capital "S" = Holy Spirit which leads you according to God's Written Law), you are not under the law (Rabbinic Oral Law...HS does not lead you to follow the commandments of men...either Rabbinic or Christian traditions).*

Staying Within the Context of Paul's Message to the Galatians

- *Living by God's Commandments (Written Law) = Living by the Spirit of God and living under the control of God's authority.*
- *Living by Man's Commandments (Rabbinic Oral Law) = Living by the Flesh and living under control of Rabbinic authority.*
- *Paul was telling the Galatians that if they wanted to “walk in the Spirit”, then live according to commandments of God, but if they wanted to walk according to the “flesh”, then live according to the commandments of men....it was their choice.*

God Will Give His Spirit

So That We Will Be Able to Eventually Walk in the Spirit

- *Ezek 36:26-28 I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. 27 I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them (also Ezek 11/19-20).*
- *God's Spirit will be given so that His people can eventually be totally obedient to His Written Commandments, NOT obedient to men's commandments (Rabbinic Oral Law or pagan Christian traditions of men... both of them perverts the Gospel).*

Right Now We Have Only a Portion of the Holy Spirit

- 2 Cor 1:22 AMP [He has also appropriated and acknowledged us as His by] putting His seal upon us and giving us His [Holy] Spirit in our hearts as the security deposit and guarantee [of the fulfillment of His promise]... (“earnest” like earnest money— KJV)
- Can you believe that your body is a temple...the temple used to be in Jerusalem in the Holy Land... now your body is the “temple of the Holy Spirit” and your body is more holy than the Holy Land because it carries the Holy Spirit.

Your Body No Longer Belongs to You If You Are a Believer

- *1 Cor 6:19-20 Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? 20 For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.*

We Belong to God as Friends

- *Although we are “voluntary slaves” to God, He sees us as “His friends”.*
- *John 15:11-17 “These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full (this joy is in spite of what’s going on around us). 12 This is My commandment, that you love one another (we are to love and serve not only God, but also one another...we have Worship Service and also Customer Service as a key to success in life... money should be seen as “certificates of performance” that you have as proof that you have served others...) as I have loved you.*

We Belong to God as Friends

- *13 Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. 14 You are My friends if you do whatever I command you. 15 No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you.*

We Belong to God as Friends

- *16 You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you. 17 These things I command you, that you love one another.*

So Be Careful How You Treat Your Temple

- *We need to be careful what we feed our temple, how we dress our temple, what environments we take our temple to, how we present our temple to others, what words we allow to come out of our temple, where we place our temple on the Sabbath, etc.*
- *Our temple represents the KOG (Lk 17/21...the KOG is within you (not fully but the beginnings of the KOG heavenly-culture).*
- *When we are “led by the Holy Spirit”, our body-temple which contain the HS follows; BUT when we are “led by the works of the flesh”, the Holy Spirit leaves because a Spirit that is holy does not do “unholy things”.*

Holy Spirit Reveals Spiritual Things of God

- *1 Cor 2:9-16 But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him." 10 But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit (Spirit is the power that reveals things of God). For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. 11 For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man (there is the "spirit of man") which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God.*

Holy Spirit Reveals Spiritual Things of God

- *12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world (there is another spirit called the “spirit of the world” and this spirit can influence the “spirit of man” to do “works of the flesh), but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God. 13 These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches (man's wisdom teaches things of the world....just head knowledge) but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual.*

Holy Spirit Reveals Spiritual Things of God

- *14 But the natural man does not receive (with just the “spirit of man”) the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. 15 But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one. 16 For “who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him?” But we have the mind of Christ.*

*If You Walk According to the Flesh
You Will Not Inherit KOG*

- *Gal 5/19-21 Now the works of the flesh are evident (not by our words but by our actions), which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, 20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, 21 envy, 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 (who live according to the flesh with no effort to put to death the works of the flesh) will not inherit the kingdom of God.*

These Are the Fruits of the Spirit

- *Gal 5/22-26 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 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.*

The End Result of Our Faith Actions Is The Fruits of the Spirit

- *Hos 6:6 For I desire mercy and not sacrifice, And the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings.*
- *If our actions of obedience does not result in manifesting the “fruits of the Spirit”, then our worship is like the Pharisees... in vain. If we obey with the wrong motive and wrong intent, it profits us nothing.*

The End Result of Our Faith Actions Is The Fruits of the Spirit

- *Matt 12:1-14 At that time Jesus went through the grainfields on the Sabbath. And His disciples were hungry, and began to pluck heads of grain and to eat. 2 And when the Pharisees saw it, they said to Him, "Look, Your disciples are doing what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath!" 3 But He said to them, "Have you not read what David did when he was hungry, he and those who were with him: 4 how he entered the house of God and ate the showbread which was not lawful for him to eat, nor for those who were with him, but only for the priests?"*

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- 5 Or have you not read in the law that on the Sabbath the priests in the temple profane the Sabbath, and are blameless? 6 Yet I say to you that in this place there is One greater than the temple. 7 But if you had known what this means, 'I desire mercy and not sacrifice, you would not have condemned the guiltless. 8 For the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath.' 9 Now when He had departed from there, He went into their synagogue.

The End Result of Our Faith Actions Is The Fruits of the Spirit

- *10 And behold, there was a man who had a withered hand. And they asked Him, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?" — that they might accuse Him. 11 Then He said to them, "What man is there among you who has one sheep, and if it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will not lay hold of it and lift it out? 12 Of how much more value then is a man than a sheep? Therefore it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath."*

The End Result of Our Faith Actions Is The Fruits of the Spirit

- *13 Then He said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." And he stretched it out, and it was restored as whole as the other. 14 Then the Pharisees went out and plotted against Him, how they might destroy Him.*
- *Again, if our actions of obedience does not result in manifestation of the "fruits of the Spirit", then our worship is like that of the Pharisees...vain worship.*

What Does This Mean When It Comes to the Sabbath?

You Are Free to Show Mercy on the Sabbath

- *We are commanded by God to rest* (not to work for the purpose of earning money) on the Sabbath, to attend a Holy convocation is only *part of the Sabbath*. . . after the *gathering is over* does not mean the Sabbath is over, don't buy or sell on the Sabbath, etc. . . but it does not prohibit you to do good on the Sabbath (feed the poor, take care of others, etc but to keep the spirit of the Sabbath, you don't do these "deeds of mercy" for money.
- *Pray for wisdom*. . . God knows your heart and intent. . . whether or not you are giving priority to God on the Sabbath.

*What You Don't Want Is
Doing What Is Right in Your Own Eyes*

- Pray for wisdom and do the best you can in observing the Sabbath without the many Rabbinic man-made prohibitions of Sabbath observance....**BUT** that does not mean that you are to do what is right in your own eyes...
- Judg 17:6 In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes. (also 21/25)
- Remember, you are to do on the Sabbath, **NOT** what pleases you, but what pleases God...you are seeking God's pleasure.

*To be carnally-minded (to live according to the Works of the Flesh)
is Death...*

*To be Spiritually-minded (to live according to the Fruits of Spirit)
is Life.*

*To Live According to the Carnal Mind
Is Death*

- Rom 8/6 For to be carnally minded is death,.....

To Live According to the Spirit Is Life

- *Rom 8/6-8but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. 7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. 8 So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God.*

Must Have Spirit of God Dwelling In You To Belong to God & to Be Resurrected

- *Rom 8/9-10 But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His. 10 And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. 11 But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.*

*If You Walk According to the Flesh
You Will Die*

- Rom 8:13 *For if you live according to the flesh you will die (Rom 6/23 “wages of sin is death”);*

*If You Walk According to the Spirit
You Will Live*

- Rom 8:13but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live (Rom 6/23 “gift of God is eternal life”).

*If You Walk According to the Spirit
You are Considered a Son of God*

- Rom 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

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- *Gal 5/22-26 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 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.*

*The Bottom Line Is That You Will Know Others
According to Their Actions not Only Their Words*

- Matt 7:15-23 "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. 16 You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles? 17 Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. 18 A good tree cannot (cannot, cannot, cannot) bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. 19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

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- 20 *Therefore by their fruits you will know them (know them by their “fruits of the Spirit” NOT “their gifting”...they can be a gift teacher, speaker, etc but produce bad fruits...sometimes we ignore bad fruits because of their gifting). 21 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. 22 Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?'*

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- 23 *And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'*

Next Week
Galatians 6/1-?