

Not I But Christ: Walking by the Spirit (Part 3)
Galatians 5:16-25

The Holy Spirit Is the Distinguishing Mark of the Christian Believer – Ga 2:3; 4:6; Jo 14:16-17; 16:26; Acts 2:4

- He gives us God's Life – I Cor 6:17; Col 3:4; Jo 16:8-14
- He applies the atonement work of Christ to all our experience – Ro 6:10-11
- He graces us with the freedom to choose – Ga 5:1,13,25

The Christian Believer Is Free to Choose from One of Two Sources – Ga 5:16-17

- The “flesh”: how to do life as though God were not in me – Ga 5:17; Ro 8:5-7
- The “spirit”: how to do life with God as my way, truth, and life – Jo 14:6
 - ...we were never created to be our own source
 - ...Christians do not have self problems, but rather source problems – II Cor 5:17; Ga 5:25
- Human wholeness, maturity is experienced when: I Thess 5:23
 - ...the human spirit is enlivened, indwelt by God's Holy Spirit – Ga 4:6
 - ...the human soul is tuned and turned to the Spirit of Truth – Ja 1:21
 - ...the human body is presented to God as a living expression of His Spirit – Ro 12:1-2

(When we celebrate our eternal union, cultivate our ongoing communion, and consent to His loving expression.)

The Spirit-“led”, Spirit-“walked”, Spirit-“lived” Life – Ga 5:16,18,25

- We own our body and soul reactions – Ps 43:5; 55:4,5
 - ...for grace to work we must be real, honest – II Cor 4:8-10,16
 - ...afflictions, temptations are meant for us – Gen 1:28,31; Ja 1:2-4; II Cor 4:15,17
 - ...escorts of God to press us into Him – Matt 26:36-39
- We assume a “Not I, but Christ” stance – Ga 5:1; Jo 14:6; Col 3:4; Ga 2:20
 - ...we insert/practice the “holy but...” – Matt 26:39; Heb 4:12; Col 3:1-4; Jo 7:24
 - ...we tune our “inner man” to the “innermost Life” of the Holy Spirit in us and discover our options to live with Him as our source – Ga 5:22-25

(A “battle cry:” “Thank God for everything!” “First the kingdom!” “Not I, but Christ;” _____)

We make a choice of faith – Ga 5:25

- ...we authorize the Spirit (not soul and body) to be the “Supreme Court” – Ro 1:5; 16:26
- ...“I believe, I trust You” – Ro 10:17
- ...we turn our freedom into an opportunity for the release of His Life – Ga 5:13

Then we will be living the Truth of the Gospel! – Ga 2:4,14