

Galatians (Part 20)

(A Life Controlled by the Holy Spirit (Part 2) – Galatians 5:19-21)

Introduction (1:1-10)

I. Paul's Apostolic Authority: The Divine Origin of Paul's Gospel Defended (1:11-2:21)

II. The Gospel: The Truth of Paul's Gospel Demonstrated (3:1-4:31)

III. The Christian Life: The Practical Results of Paul's Gospel Described (5:1-6:18)

A. A Life of Freedom (5:1-15)

B. A Life Controlled by the Holy Spirit (5:16-26)

→How can one avoid the self-indulgence of a life of license without resorting to the bondage of a life of legalism?

1. A Command to Live a Spirit-Controlled Life (vs. 16-18)

2. A Catalog of Sins to Be Avoided (vs. 19-21)

-Sexual Sins: immorality, impurity, sensuality (v. 19)

-Religious Sins: idolatry, sorcery (v. 20)

-Sins of Temper: enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, envying (vs. 20, 21)

- Sins of Drunkenness: drunkenness, carousing (v. 21)

Observations:

1) The list isn't exhaustive.

2) The practice of these sins is inconsistent with being in a state of grace (1 Corinthians 6:9, 10; Ephesians 5:5).

→Don't be content to remain unconverted or uncertain about your relationship to God.

→Examine yourself: What is the frequency, duration, and intensity of your falls into sin? Do you resist the sin? Do you take deliberate steps to avoid the occasion of it? Is it premeditated or planned for? When the temptation to sin first presents itself, is it resisted or is it indulged with little or no resistance?

→Parents, be willing to pay the price to properly raise your children in a society that celebrates the deeds of the flesh.