

Life Church Handout for September 22, 2013

The Gospel - Accept No Substitutes (Part 17): Galatians 5:16-26

Live by the Spirit so that you avoid the sinful behavior that comes from self-direction.

- **Understand what this teaches us about the work of the Holy Spirit.**
 - Followers of Jesus need to listen to the Holy Spirit - Romans 8:5
 - The Holy Spirit teaches us all things and reminds us of what Jesus said. - John 14:26
 - The Holy Spirit guides us into all truth. - John 16:13
 - We are given the Holy Spirit at the beginning of our new life in Christ. - Ephesians 1:1-14
 - The Holy Spirit is a stream of living water - stay thirsty! - John 7:37-39
- **Listen to the Holy Spirit.**
 - Read the Word so the Holy Spirit will have something to work with.
 - Pray and develop a lifestyle of listening to God.
 - God rewards those who diligently seek him. - Hebrews 11:1-6
 - Not "What Would Jesus Do?", but "What Is Jesus Doing?"
 - "What Would Jesus Do?" = living by the knowledge of good and evil.
 - The knowledge of good does not give you the power to do good.
 - You can't live the Christian life - you need the Spirit living in you.
- **Understand the works of the flesh and how to avoid them.**
 - sexual immorality - **πορνεία** - Gk (porneia) (includes homosexuality),
"Fornication"; to engage in sexual immorality of any kind, often with the implication of prostitution — 'to engage in illicit sex, to commit fornication, sexual immorality, fornication, prostitution.'

Leviticus 18, 20 (Consider Matthew 5:27-30)
Matthew 5:32 (Matthew 5:31-32)
Matthew 15:19 (Matthew 15:1-20)
Matthew 19:9 (Matthew 19:1-12)
Acts 15:20 (Acts 15:1-35)
1 Corinthians 6:9-20
 - impurity - **ἀκαθαρσία** - Gk (akatharsia)
"Uncleanness" ; any substance which is filthy or dirty — 'filth, dirt, rubbish.'
the state of moral impurity, especially in relationship to sexual sin — 'impurity, immorality, filthiness.'

Matthew 23:27 (Matthew 23:25-28)
Romans 1:24 (Romans 1:18-32)
Ephesians 5:3 (Ephesians 4:17 - 5:21)
1 Thessalonians 4:7 (1 Thessalonians 4:1-8)
 - debauchery - **ἀσέλγεια** - Gk (aselgeia)
"License," mostly physical, figuratively spiritual. "Debauchery" or "licentiousness" is the sense in **2 Pet. 2:7** (Sodom and Gomorrah) and Eph. 4:19 (the pagan world). Sexual excess is probably meant in Gal. 5:19 and certainly so in Rom. 13:13; 2 Cor. 12:21; 2 Pet. 2:2, 18. [O. BAUERNFEIND, I, 490]
 - idolatry - **εἰδωλολατρία** - Gk (idololatria)
"idolatry"
 - witchcraft - **φαρμακεία** - Gk (pharmakeia)
n: the use of magic, often involving drugs and the casting of spells upon people — 'to practice magic, to cast spells upon, to engage in sorcery, magic, sorcery.'

- hatred - ἔχθρα - Gk (ekthra)
a state of enmity with someone — ‘enmity, being an enemy of.’
- discord - ἔρις - Gk (eris)
to express differences of opinion, with at least some measure of antagonism or hostility — ‘to argue, quarrel, dispute.’
- jealousy - ζήλος - Gk (zelos)
The usual translation of this term is “zeal”: a. as the capacity of state of passionate commitment; b. comprehensively for the forces that motivate personality (e.g., interest, taste, imitative zeal, rivalry, fame, enthusiasm); c. in the bad sense jealousy, envy, competition, contention.
- fits of rage - θυμός - Gk (thumos)
an intense, passionate desire of an overwhelming and possibly destructive character — ‘intense desire, overwhelming passion.’
a state of intense anger, with the implication of passionate outbursts — ‘anger, fury, wrath, rage.’
- selfish ambition - ἐριθεία - Gk (eritheia)
a feeling of hostility or opposition — ‘hostility, being against.’
a feeling of resentfulness based upon jealousy and implying rivalry — ‘selfish ambition, rivalry, resentfulness.’
- dissensions - διχοστασία - Gk (dixostasia)
a division into opposing groups, generally two — ‘division, discord.’
- factions - αἵρεσις - Gk (heresis)
a division or group based upon different doctrinal opinions and/or loyalties and hence by implication in certain contexts an unjustified party or group (applicable in the NT to religious parties) — ‘religious party, sect.’
the content of teaching which is not true — ‘false teaching, untrue doctrine, heresy.’
a division of people into different and opposing sets — ‘division, separate group.’
- envy - φθόνος - Gk (phthonos)
a state of ill will toward someone because of some real or presumed advantage experienced by such a person — ‘envy, jealousy.’
- drunkenness - μέθη - Gk (methe)
to become drunk on alcoholic beverages — ‘to be drunk, drunkenness.’
 - Direct application - alcohol intoxication
 - Indirect application - recreational drug use
- orgies - κωμος - Gk (komos)
drinking parties involving unrestrained indulgence in alcoholic beverages and accompanying immoral behavior — ‘orgy, revelling, carousing.’
- and the like
- **Group Activities / Questions**
 - Has your understanding of these works of the flesh changed? If so, how?
 - What makes you more vulnerable to each of these works of the flesh?
 - What helps you avoid each of these works of the flesh?
 - How can we help you live victoriously in this area?

Life Church Mission Statement

Our mission is to teach people:

to enjoy knowing Jesus without fear, inadequacy, guilt, or shame,
to follow him together as his family,
to function together as his body,
and to work together to expand his kingdom.