

Galatians Handout

Week Twenty-Three

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 (when) you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

Review of the HS: He is a person. All believers have the HS. We receive all of the HS we are ever going to get at conversion. Being filled means being completely yielded.

What is the real threat?

The flesh—

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out (teleo-bring to completion) the desire (strong longing) 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.

What has changed?

Why not just kill of the flesh?

What is encouraging and informative

-We have a fight on our hands.

-It is a contrast of desires. Epithumea-inordinately strong desire/longing/compulsion

What does the Spirit desire?

Jn. 16:13 But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose it to you.

Jn. 14:25 These things I have spoken to you while abiding with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you. Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful.

Ps. 42:1 As the deer pants for the water brooks, so my soul pants for You, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God;

Ps. 63:1 O God, You are my God; I shall seek You earnestly; my soul thirsts for You, my flesh yearns for You, in a dry and weary land where there is no water. Thus I have seen You in the sanctuary, to see Your power and Your glory. Because Your lovingkindness is better than life, my lips will praise You. So I will bless You as long as I live; I will lift up my hands in Your name. My soul is satisfied as with marrow and fatness, and my mouth offers praises with joyful lips.

-It is an internal fight.

The super encouraging news.

-It's not a fair fight.

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1 Cor. 10:13 No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it.

The somewhat disconcerting news.

-It's a fight of desires and it always will be until we died and are glorified and made fully righteous

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.*

Rom. 7:18 For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh; for the willing is present in me, but the doing of the good is not. For the good that I want, I do not do, but I practice the very evil that I do not want. But if I am doing the very thing I do not want, I am no longer the one doing it, but sin which dwells in me. I find then the principle that evil is present in me, the one who wants to do good. For I joyfully concur with the law of God in the inner man, but I see a different law in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin which is in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free from the body of this death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Rom. 8:3 For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God did: sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, so that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Deuteronomy 20:4 - For the Lord your God is he who goes with you to fight for you against your enemies, to give you the victory.'

1 Thes. 5:23 May the God of peace Himself sanctify you wholly; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who called you is faithful, and He will do it.

1 Corinthians 15:57 - But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

* Even getting discouraged and feeling tired in the battle isn't necessarily a bad or dangerous sign.

2 Corinthians 12:9-10 - But He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

2 Cor. 1:8 For we do not want you to be unaware, brethren, of our affliction which came to us in Asia, that we were burdened excessively, beyond our strength, so that we despaired even of life; indeed, we had the sentence of death within ourselves so that we would not trust in ourselves, but in God who raises the dead; Who delivered us from so great a peril of death, and will deliver us, He on whom we have set our hope. And He will yet deliver us, you also joining in helping us through your prayers, so that thanks may be given by many persons on our behalf for the favor bestowed on us through the prayers of many.

The million dollar question...

What it doesn't mean.

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

Rom. 7:5 For while we were in the flesh, the sinful passions, which were aroused by the Law, were at work in the members of our body to bear fruit for death... 11 for sin, taking an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me.

What is the formula for walking, being led, living by the HS? What is the key to the whole Christian thing?

-Why the walk?

-What kind of *walk*?

-Walk *by*:

-Benefit of the walk:

-Prepping for the walk:

Col. 2:6 As you therefore have *received* Christ Jesus the Lord, so *walk* in Him, having been firmly rooted and now being built up in Him and established in your faith

How did we receive? How do we proceed?

Trust that the _____ is good, the _____ is good, and so the _____ is good.

So what are we supposed to be doing?!!

Two other random but important things to know

-It is genuinely an invite and a command.

Eph. 5:15 Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, redeeming of the time, because the days are evil.

Ezek. 36:26 Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. I will put My Spirit within you and *cause* you to walk in My statutes, and *you will be* careful to observe My ordinances.

Phil 2:12 So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.

-Beware the mind games we play.

1 Jn. 3:1 See how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we would be called children of God; and such we are.

1 Jn. 3:18 Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth. We will know by this that we are of the truth, and will assure our heart before Him in whatever our heart condemns us; for God is greater than our heart and knows all things.

Discussion

How is your walk going? Are you tired? Are you wandering?

What do you like doing most on your “walk” with the HS? What draws you close best?

What is your weakest area of trust in the walking: The goal, the leader or the process?