

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

Life in the Spirit

James Armstrong | January 27, 2019

DISCUSSION:

1. The Lord, through Old Testament prophets, said a new day was coming. Read Ezekiel 36:26-27 and Joel 2:27-28. What was it? How would this affect God's people?
2. Read Galatians 5:13a. Freedom from what? See Galatians 5:4 and Romans 3:20a. For what purpose? See Galatians 5:6b and 5:14.
3. What is wrong with seeking salvation by obeying the Law? See Galatians 3:10 and 5:3b.
4. Instead, we receive salvation by repenting of our sins and trusting In Christ, resulting in God forgiving us and giving us the Holy Spirit. What does Paul tell us in Galatians 5:16-17? What does this say about the Spirit and flesh in the believer?
5. Read Galatians 5:19-23. Summarize the nature of the deeds of the flesh and the fruit of the Spirit.

APPLICATION:

1. Share how your life has changed since receiving Christ and hence the Holy Spirit. What is a fruit of the Spirit that is being manifested in your life (Gal. 5)
2. In the previous sermon, Pastor James said that being filled with the Holy Spirit often starts with repentance and involves yielding to the Spirit. Recall the contrast between the deeds of the flesh and the fruit of the Spirit listed in Galatians 5:19-24. What deed of the flesh (NAS) (rendered "act of the sinful nature" in NIV1985) seems to repeat itself in your life? Share an idea of how you will "crucify" that pattern this week.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

James Armstrong | Galatians 5:25 | January 27, 2019

- I. Who is in **charge**?
Jn 1:12; 14:2;
Gal 4:4-7; 5:16-25
- II. With the Spirit, we **defeat** the **flesh**.
Rom 7:21-25
- III. The **Law** cannot win the **battle**.
Rom 7:4-6
- IV. How do I know if I am **winning** the **battle**?
 - A. We are given **flesh** indicators:
Gal 5:19-21
 - B. We are given **Spirit** indicators
Gal 5:22-23
- V. How do we **win** this **battle**?
Gal 5:24
 - A. We **win** with our **Identity**.
Jn 1:12; Eph 1:5;
I Pet 2:9
 - B. We win by **crucifying** the **flesh** - we make war and we put it to death.
Gal 2:20; 5:25