



Sermon Questions

Date: *November 12, 2023* / Scripture: *Galatians 5:16-26*

1. Looking at the passage, what are the two rival forces at work in us? How is this *not* just a battle against the body?
2. Look at the list of sins in 19-21: which would you consider obvious, and which might you miss in your own life?
3. We are created as desiring creatures, but in sin we over-desire and misdirect our desires. How might this insight influence how you fight your sin, and counsel others as they desire to fight theirs?
4. You were redeemed for a beautiful eternity, when the Spirit's work in you will be complete. Looking at the fruit of the Spirit in vv22-23, which do you most long to grow in now? Share, and take a minute to pray that the Spirit would work these things in one another.
5. There is a clear negative- positive dynamic in this passage, where we break step with the flesh and choose to walk in step with the Spirit. Do you focus more on killing sin, or pursuing holiness? Where might you need others to help you find blind spots?

Inward Grace in Action

1. Look through the list of sins and ask the spirit to reveal areas for repentance. Spend time in prayer seeking His illumination, and repenting where he reveals things.
2. Identify an area where the Spirit has borne fruit in your life, and praise him for it.

Outward Grace in Action

1. Whoever springs to mind when you read the list of sins—pray that the Spirit would free them from their sin, and consider how your interactions with them have displayed the fruit of the Spirit. Pray for future interactions to be full of grace.

WORSHIP THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

Here are some other ways you can meet with God throughout the week:

Reflect on these Scriptures:

- Genesis 3:15
- 1 Samuel 13:8-15
- Obadiah
- Mark 2:13-17
- 1 John 1:5-10

Serve: Consider who you know who might be lonely this Thanksgiving, and consider ways to offer closeness.

Pray for those fighting battles against compulsive sin and running low on hope.

Reach out if you need assistance:

- Call our church office at 703.821.0800
- Request aid from our Deacons' Fund at deaconsfund@mcleannc.org