



THE HOLY SPIRIT

Understanding His Person,
His Presence and His Power

GROUP CURRICULUM

SERMON

IN STEP WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT - GALATIANS 5:16-26

DATE

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¹⁶ But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. ²⁶ Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another. **Galatians 5:16-26**

1. Fill in the blanks to complete the summary statement from this week's message:

The single most important _____ in our lives must be the _____.

What do you think are the top three influences in the world apart from the Holy Spirit?

2. **Galatians 5:16** begins with the word, "But." Looking at the broader context of the passage, why does the "but" begin this verse?
3. Circle the word "*desire*" wherever it appears in the text above, and then write your own definition of the word below.
4. Would you agree with someone who confided in you, that the problem with their life, as they see it, is that they have desires for all the wrong things? Why or why not?
5. According to truth listed in **Galatians 5:16**, underline the correct statement below:

"If I do not gratify the desires of the flesh, then I will walk by the Spirit," OR
"If I walk by the Spirit, then I will not gratify the desires of the flesh."

Why is this so important to get right? What's at stake if we get this wrong in our lives?

6. Compare **Galatians 5:22–23** and **Ephesians 5:18–21**. How does the fruit of the Spirit compare with what happens from being filled with the Spirit?
7. Imagine that your friend is a new Christian. She is having a difficult time understanding **Galatians 5:24** because she still struggles in sin. How would you explain the meaning of this verse to her?
8. Can you give an example of the difference of walking under your own power and walking under the power of the Spirit? Is there a specific area in your life right now, where you are walking under your own power, and not seeking the Spirit?