

Galatians 5:19-26:

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Made Holy to Pursue Holiness

Ephesians 1:4, Galatians 5:19-26

1. What does it mean to be holy? Galatians 5:24
 - a. Separated, set apart
 - i. Separated from...
 - ii. Separated from... I John 2:15,16
 - iii. Set apart for... Ephesians 2:8-10

2. How do you become holy before God? Galatians 5:25
Romans 10:9

3. How do the holy people of God faithfully pursue holiness?
 - a. Walk by the Spirit John 15:5

 - b. How do we walk by the Holy Spirit?

4. What happens when the people of God seek holiness through their own power and purpose? Galatians 5:25,26
 - a. Counterfeit holiness is produced
 - i. It's self righteousness
 - ii. It's condemning
 - iii. It's envying

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Ephesians 1:3,4 Are the holy people of God

I Peter 1:14-16 Commanding to become holy

What brings discord among the body?

- Conceit, provocation, and envy
- Pride

A genuine Christian understands that salvation is not a work of themselves, but is a work of God. It is by grace through faith that we are saved. Yet, it is so easy for the Christian, to then pursue the holiness of God in their own power.

Now that you have a clearer picture about what it means to live out the Christian life, make sure and walk by the Spirit of God instead of ... this is what will naturally happen to a religious group, body of believers if they are walking in the flesh. There will be marked by pride, discord, and jealousy.

We can have the correct goals, but if we attempt to achieve them in the wrong way, we will not get the results we want (even if we are delusional and think that we are getting the results)

What happens if we seek religion without walking in the Spirit.

- 1) Self righteousness
- 2) Judgemental, merciless, and graceless condemnation on those that don't meet the standard
- 3) Frustration with our own failure, and jealousy of those who are meeting a standard that we know we haven't met.

The proud require people to be below them.

I'm this and you are not.

You are not what you are supposed to be.

You are this, and I am not. I hate it and hate you.

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The Holy Spirit has given you life. Therefore embrace it and do not fall into the “life taking” actions of boastfulness, challenging one another, and envying one another

- 1) Do not become boastful
 - a) Delusional, stealing the credit for what God has done
- 2) Do not challenge one another, call one another out
 - a) Negative connotation
- 3) Do not envy one another

Envy: a feeling of discontented or resentful longing aroused by someone else's possessions, qualities, or luck:

As you think about the calling to Walk by the Spirit, what could happen. People could become prideful of the way in which they are living, they could provoke others????? They could look at others lives and be envious of their walk with Christ?

Instead, let those who are walking in the Spirit, mature in Christ, look to those who are struggling with sin. May they do it in a gentle humble manner, lest in their pride they fall sharply and are tempted themselves either with the same sin, or quite possibly with the sin of pride.

Bear one another's burdens (does this burden here refer to sin or is this more general, difficulties of life)

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