WALK BY THE SPIRIT

Galatians 5:16–26

Key Verse: 5:16

1. How do we receive the Spirit? (3:1–5) How does the Spirit draw us close to God? (4:6) What hope does the Spirit give us? (5:5) How does the Spirit set us free from legalism? (5:1; cf. Ro8:2; 2Co3:17)
2. What did Paul warn us about our freedom? (5:13a,15) How can we avoid “indulging” or “gratifying” the flesh? (16) What does Paul teach us about the conflict between the flesh and the Spirit within us, and what this means to us practically? (17)
3. To what “acts” will the desires of the flesh lead us? (19–21a) What characterizes these acts? How do they affect our personal, religious and community life? What warning does Paul repeat, and why? (21b; cf. 6:8)

1. To what “fruit” will the desires of the Spirit lead us? (22,23a) What characterizes this fruit? Why do you think “love” is mentioned first? (6b,13b,14) Why do we need “self-control”? How does the fruit of the Spirit affect our personal, religious and community life? Why can only the Spirit produce such fruit in us?
2. What does our relationship with Christ inspire us to do to our flesh, and why? (24; cf. Mt16:24; Ro6:6) How does the Spirit help us? (Ro8:12,13)
3. Note how Paul repeatedly describes life in the Spirit (16,18,25) and how it frees us from the law (18,23b). What does it mean to “walk” by the Spirit? To be “led by” the Spirit? To “live” by the Spirit? To “keep in step with” the Spirit? What is Paul’s final warning, and why? (26)