

BEHAVIOR OF A BELIEVER
Galatians 5:1-26

Introduction

Galatians 3-4 told us about the doctrine of justification by faith and how God gives us eternal life. Galatians 5-6 will tell us how this doctrine ought to change a believer so that he lives a godly life. A believer's behavior should be radically changed by the work of the Holy Spirit in his life. Paul says to all believers, "Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lusts of the flesh" (Gal 5:16).

Aim of the Lesson

Challenge the believer to change his behavior by walking in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Outline of the Lesson**A. _____ in _____ (5:1-15)****1. _____ Lost through _____ (5:1-12)**

How is the life of a Christian different than the life of one under the law? (1)

When did God command circumcision to be practiced and for what purpose? (Gen 17:1ff)

How does Paul treat circumcision (the basis for infant baptism)? (2-4)

What has replaced circumcision? (5-6)

Who does Paul blame for teaching the believers the leaven of false doctrine? (7-10)

How does Paul prove that he did not preach circumcision? (11)

What did Paul desire for those who taught circumcision? (12)

We must live by faith in Christ and shun all forms of legalism that would sever us from Him.

2. _____ Abused through _____ (5:13-15)

How can liberty be abused? (13, 15)

How should liberty be used? (13-14)

We must not love ourselves and live a selfish life, but love others and live a sacrificial life.

B. _____ by the _____ (5:16-26)**1. _____ Opposed to the _____ (5:16-18)**

How can a believer have victory over the sins of the flesh? (16)

What happens to the believer that tries to live by the flesh and by the Spirit? (17)

Why can a believer have victory over sin when he is led of the Spirit? (18)

We must determine to walk in the Spirit so we can have victory over the flesh.

2. _____ of the Flesh (5:19-21)

Classify the works of the flesh under these headings:

Sexual impurity; false religious activity; ungodly temperament; alcoholic excesses

What is the warning to those who practice the sins of the flesh? (21)

We must determine not to walk in the sins of the flesh.

3. _____ of the Spirit (5:22-24)

How would you define the various aspects of the fruit of the Spirit? (22-23)

How does a believer get victory over the deeds of the flesh? (24)

We must determine to crucify the deeds of the flesh.

4. Summary Thoughts (5:25-26)

What is the difference between living in the Spirit and walking in the Spirit? (25)

What are three manifestations of the flesh that can ruin a believer's testimony? (26)

We must determine to let the Spirit take control of us.

THE BELIEVER IS BLESSED WHEN THE SPIRIT CONTROLS HIS BEHAVIOR