

Galatians 5 (Part 4) :17-26 • Study Notes • The Life of the Spirit (continued)

We made the point last week that Christians are to be led by the Spirit. This week the Apostle defines what being led by the Spirit looks like — and doesn't look like.

- Does the idea of being led by the Spirit generally make you comfortable or uncomfortable?
- What does it take to be led by the Spirit?
- What is the conflict between the sinful nature and the Spirit? (5:17)
- What does it mean to live one's life completely after the flesh?
- What does Paul say about those who live their lives only to please the flesh? (5:21)
- How should we understand Paul's statement in **verse 21** in light of Christians who sin occasionally?
- How do the descriptions of the works of the flesh and the fruit of the Spirit help us to determine whether someone is being led by the Holy Spirit?
- How would you expect to see the fruit of self-control play out in a believer's life?
- What role does the death of Jesus play in a believer not living a life focused on the flesh? (5:24) In other words, how does Christ's death affect the way I live?
- What does Paul mean in **verse 25** about keeping in step with the Spirit? How do we **do** that?
- How would you judge your own ability to keep in step with the Spirit?
- What can we do as believers to strengthen our ability to keep in step with the Spirit?