

The Battle Against Legalism Continued

(Galatians 5:7-18)

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The Believer has Three Enemies:

1. The World which is our *External* Enemy
2. The Devil who is our *Infernal* Enemy
3. The Flesh which is our *Internal* Enemy (5:13-21)

1. In Chapters 1-2, Paul Responds to Legalism's Opposition against him.

2. In Chapters 3-4, Paul Responds to Legalism's Opposition against Justification by Faith.

3. In Chapters 5-6, Paul Responds to Legalism's Opposition of Sanctification By Faith.

How Can I Be Spiritual?

I. Not by Legalism (5:1-12)

II. Not by License (5:13)

III. But by Holy Spirit Produced Love (5:13c-26)

A. Holy Spirit enables us to fulfill the essence of the Law (5:13c-15)

1. *True spirituality is serving others* (5:13c) (Don't be a slave to sin but others)
2. *True spirituality fulfills the Law* (5:14)
"We are Lawless (not under the Mosaic Law) but we are not lawless (we are under the law of Christ in 6:2)"
3. *True spirituality is not critical* (5:15)

B. Holy Spirit enables us not to fulfill the flesh (5:16-26)

"Just as Jesus Christ is the primary Person behind justification, the Holy Spirit is the primary person behind sanctification. A believer can no more sanctify himself than he could have saved himself in the first place. He cannot live the Christian life by his own resources any more than he could have saved himself by his own resources" (MacArthur, *Galatians*).

1. *The Command* (5:16)
2. *The Conflict* (5:17-18)
3. *The Consequences* (5:19-23)