

**“Holy Spirit Liberty/Freedom”**

**Galatians 5:13 - 26**

In Galatians 5 Paul gives 3 ministries of the Holy Spirit that enable the believer to enjoy liberty in Christ.

**1. The Spirit Enables Us to Fulfill the Law of Love (Gal. 5:13-15)**

Our calling: we are called to liberty

A caution:

A commandment:

**2. The Spirit Enables Us to Overcome the Flesh (Gal. 5:16-21, 24)**

The conflict (vv. 16-17).

The conquest (v. 18).

The crucifixion (vv. 19-21, 24).

The sensual sins (vv. 19, 21b).

The superstitious sins (v. 20a).

The social sins (vv. 20b-21a).

The old nature must be crucified (v. 24).

**3. The Spirit Enables Us to Produce Fruit (Gal. 5:22-23, 25-26)**

the life of the Spirit (Gal. 5:25).

The New Testament speaks of several different kinds of "fruit": people won to Christ (Rom. 1:13), holy living (Rom. 6:22), gifts brought to God (Rom. 15:26-28), good works (Col. 1:10), and praise (Heb. 13:15).

The "fruit of the Spirit" here has to do with character (Gal. 5:22-23).

It is important that we distinguish the gift of the Spirit, which is salvation (Acts 2:38; 11:17), and the gifts of the Spirit, which have to do with service (1 Cor. 12), from the graces of the Spirit, which relate to Christian character.

love

joy—that inward peace and sufficiency that is not affected by outward circumstances.

Love and joy together produce peace

long-suffering (courageous endurance without quitting),

gentleness (kindness),

goodness (love in action).

faith (faithfulness, dependability);

meeekness (the right use of power and authority, power under control);

temperance (self-control).

the flesh can never produce the fruit of the Spirit.

must be a right atmosphere before the fruit will grow (Gal. 5:25-26).

"Walk in the Spirit" (Gal. 5:25) means "keep in step with the Spirit