



Session 6: Practical Exhortations to the Galatians

READ:

Galatians 5–6; Romans 2–3

CONNECT: Growing Up

What is something you loved as a child that you don't like now? Or, what is something you didn't like when you were younger that you really enjoy now?

WATCH: Practical Exhortations

As you watch the video, fill in the following:

A. Freedom in Christ

"By teaching the necessity of circumcision, they obligated these Christians to perfect obedience to the _____, a standard that was impossible to fulfill."

What was the crucial choice the Galatians had to make?

"Paul did not want the Galatians to think that their freedom included freedom to violate God's _____, which was the very foundation of the Law."

B. The Law

In what two ways did the law increase sin?

- 1.
- 2.

According to Dr. Donald Cobb, What does the law not have the power to do?

C. Power of the Holy Spirit

“It’s always important to remember that Paul never set the Holy Spirit over or against the _____ of Scripture.

What does reliance on the flesh produce in the church?

DISCUSS

- What is something that stood out to you from the video?
- What person have you known that lived with “responsible freedom in Christ”? What did that look like?
- What does it look like to apply the moral teachings of the Old Testament in light of New Testament priorities for living in the last days in Christ?
- Describe in your own words what it means to “walk by the Spirit.”

STRAIGHT FROM THE HEART: Life in the New Age

The Law: Before and After

- According to Galatians 3:19, 24, what purposes did the law serve before Christ?
- Read Romans 2:17-24. In what ways do these verses show how believers in the new age can have a proper relationship to the law? What potential errors in our relationship to the law does Paul warn of?
- What errors do Christians need to stay away from according to Galatians 5:1, 13?

The Holy Spirit

- Galatians 5:16, 17 and Romans 7:19-23 point to the ongoing struggle between the flesh and the Spirit. Galatians 5:19-23 lists some acts of the flesh and fruits of the Spirit.
 - What practices have you found that help to foster the work of the Spirit in your life?
 - How does the Holy Spirit help you see, repent of, and hate the acts of the flesh?

APPLY:

- Prayerfully read through the acts of the flesh listed in Galatians 5:19-21. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you how you participate in these with what you do and with what you fail to do. Repent. Ask God to help you hate sin so much that you turn from it.
- Prayerfully read through the fruit of the Spirit in Galatians 5:22, 23. Which of these gifts has the Spirit given you in abundance so you can share them with others and follow Paul's advice in Galatians 6:9, 10: "Let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith."
- How has this study encouraged you in your faith?
- How has it challenged you? What do you want to do as a result?