

## “THE WORKS OF THE FLESH ARE EVIDENT”

(Galatians 5:19-21)

### I. PAUL DEFENDS HIS AUTHORITY AND THE ORIGINATION OF HIS GOSPEL (Gal. 1 & 2)

### II. PAUL DEFENDS JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH (Gal. 3 & 4)

### III. PAUL DEFENDS CHRISTIAN LIBERTY AND LIVING BY GRACE (Gal. 5 & 6)

#### A. You are to STAND FAST in Grace against LEGALISM (5:1-12)

#### B. You are to STAND FIRM in Liberty against LICENSE (5:13-26)

#### 1. A believer’s liberty in grace encourages a daily walk by faith in Jesus Christ by means of the Holy Spirit (5:16-18)

- a. The COMMAND... “I say then: \_\_\_\_\_ in the Spirit...” (5:16a)
- b. The GUARANTEE... “and you \_\_\_\_\_ fulfill the lust of the flesh (5:16b)
- c. The CONTINUOUS CONFLICT... *For the flesh \_\_\_\_\_ the Spirit, and the Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish.*” (5:17)
- d. The CONCLUSION... *But if you are \_\_\_\_\_ by the Spirit, you are not under the law.*

#### 2. A believer may choose to walk in the flesh, and manifest the licentious works of his/her sin nature, thereby grieving and quenching the Holy Spirit (5:19-21)

- a. These three verses provide a non-exhaustive list of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. This list includes \_\_\_\_\_ sins, \_\_\_\_\_ sins, \_\_\_\_\_ sins, and \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ sins.
- c. These “works of the flesh” are characteristic of how the \_\_\_\_\_ person lives.

d. *“Now the works of the flesh are evident...”*

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| — <i>“adultery”</i>    | — <i>“outbursts of wrath”</i> |
| — <i>“fornication”</i> | — <i>“selfish ambitions”</i>  |
| — <i>“uncleanness”</i> | — <i>“dissensions”</i>        |
| — <i>“lewdness”</i>    | — <i>“heresies”</i>           |
| — <i>“idolatry”</i>    | — <i>“envy”</i>               |
| — <i>“sorcery”</i>     | — <i>“murders”</i>            |
| — <i>“hatred”</i>      | — <i>“drunkenness”</i>        |
| — <i>“contentions”</i> | — <i>“revelries”</i>          |
| — <i>“jealousies”</i>  |                               |

e. There are multiple interpretations regarding Paul’s last phrase, *“those who \_\_\_\_\_ such things will \_\_\_\_\_ inherit the kingdom of God.”*

- 1) the impossible interpretation:
- 2) the Arminian interpretation:
- 3) the Calvinist interpretation:
- 4) the Biblically balanced interpretation (1 Cor. 6:9-11; Eph. 5:1-5):

f. Some practical exhortations from this passage (verses 19-21)...

- 1) You need to consider yourself warned that given the right set of circumstances you are \_\_\_\_\_ of committing any one of these sins in your Christian life.
- 2) The Lord desires that your lifestyle would be \_\_\_\_\_ than the practice of the unsaved (who are only capable of walking in the flesh).