IF WE LIVE IN THE SPIRIT, LET US ALSO WALK IN THE SPIRIT

(Galatians 5:24-26)

- 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)
 - 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)
 - 3. A believer SHOULD make the wise choice and walk by means of the Holy Spirit, thereby bearing the Fruit of the Spirit (5:22-23)
 - 4. A believer NEEDS to appropriate the truth of his/her co-crucifixion with Christ in order to have victory over the passions and desires of the flesh (5:24-26)

| a. | Paul's indicative statement, "those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh" is a reference to the believer's rather than a person's (5:24a) |
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| | * Are there other passages in the NT where the word "crucified" is used of the believer or the flesh? |
| | * What is biblically wrong with the interpretative conclusion, "I must crucify myself daily"? |
| b. | It is clear from v. 24 that the, "the flesh with its passions and desires" has been eradicated. (5:24b) |

^{*} How does this relate to Romans 6, 7 & 8?

| c. | The Apostle's flow of thought is, "If we live in the Spirit" (and we do), let us also walk under the and the of the Holy Spirit in our daily lives. (5:25) |
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| d. | When grace is perverted by legalism or license, by default the flesh will take over and you can 1) become (v. 26a) |
| | 2) one another (v. 26b) |
| | 3) or one another (v. 26c) |
| | * What is the means (the power source) to practical victory over your sin nature? |
| | * How should verses 13 & 14 factor in to your interaction with the "one anothers" of v. 26? |
| | * How can you apply this truth in your own life? |

* In v. 25 how does the word "if" help explain Paul's exhortation?