**The Gifts and Graces of the Holy Spirit Part 2**

**Holy Spirit Series # 11 Handout**

**Galatians 5:13-26 NIV**

**13You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh[**[**a**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Galatians%205&version=NIV#fen-NIV-29176a)**]; rather, serve one another humbly in love. 14For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.”[**[**b**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Galatians%205&version=NIV#fen-NIV-29177b)**] 15If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.**

**16So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.17For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever[**[**c**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Galatians%205&version=NIV#fen-NIV-29180c)**] you want. 18But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.**

This is Satan’s bold lie. He tells you that you are only free when you can do whatever you want to do. Satan teaches that self-indulgence is freedom. He says this knowing that a person who has not been saved from the power of sin will only want to sin even more. They will not desire to be holy. They will not desire to please God. They will not love themselves nor others in healthy and helpful ways.

As part of the power to keep from sinning, we have been given the Holy Spirit who gives us grace, guidance, and spiritual power to walk in His leading. The Holy Spirit will always lead us to obey God, and in so doing, the Holy Spirit will always keep us free from bondage to our carnal nature.

**Galatians 5:19The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery;20idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions 21and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.**

**22But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.24Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. 26Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.**

The important truth for us as believers is that we have chosen and daily keep choosing to crucify our carnal nature and its self-indulgent lusts so that by the power of the Holy Spirit we can walk in resurrection power. We have died to sin. We live by the Holy Spirit. Freedom and righteousness march to the cadence of the Spirit.

**Romans 8:5-16 NIV**

**5Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. 6The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. 7The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God’s law, nor can it do so. 8Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.**

As we’ve already discussed the carnal nature keeps deepening a person’s bondage to sin, death, and Satan through self-indulgence. But those who walk in freedom from bondage and are at peace with God live to understand and do what pleases the Holy Spirit.

**Romans 8:9You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. 10But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life[**[**d**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans%208&version=NIV#fen-NIV-28127d)**] because of righteousness. 11And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of[**[**e**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans%208&version=NIV#fen-NIV-28128e)**] his Spirit who lives in you.**

Being filled with the Holy Spirit is absolutely required to be a true Christian. All true Christians have the assurance and vital hope of being resurrected in Christ because God has made us righteous.

**Romans 8:12Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. 13For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.**

**14For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. 15The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship.[**[**f**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans%208&version=NIV#fen-NIV-28132f)**] And by him we cry, “Abba,[**[**g**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans%208&version=NIV#fen-NIV-28132g)**] Father.” 16The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. 17Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.**

One of the greatest of the graces of God the Holy Spirit is that we are made into the children of God having been liberated from being children upon whom the wrath of God rightly rested.