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## **Walk In the Spirit**

*Galatians 5:16-18*

From the beginning of this letter, until today's text, Paul has been spelling out for the Galatian Church "how" a person is saved.

Now he shifts his focus to the more practical side of salvation, i.e. how to live the saved life.

The difficult part for most of us about being a Christian is not in accepting Jesus as Our Savior, but it is living the Christian life.

This is true because we are all engaged in an inner-battle between two forces, and it is a battle that can only be won when we S\_\_\_\_\_ ourselves to the power of the Holy Spirit.

Just as Jesus Christ is the primary person who brought about our justification, the Holy Spirit is the primary person who brings about our S\_\_\_\_\_.

We as believers cannot live the Christian life by our own resources any more than we could be saved by our own resources.

In its most profound yet simple definition, the faithful Christian life is a life lived under the D\_\_\_\_\_ and by the P\_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Spirit.

That's the theme of Galatians 5:16, in which Paul tells believers to "walk in the Spirit".

## I. The Command

(16), “*This I say then, walk in the Spirit...*”

The statement “walk in the Spirit” means to live by the Spirit. In other words, we are to live under the C\_\_\_\_\_ and by the power of power of the Spirit. (Ephesians 5:18)

### 1. An Order Is Prescribed (16)

He is saying “Walk in the Spirit “**then**” you will not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

### 2. An Ongoing P\_\_\_\_\_

“Walk in the Spirit” = (present tense) = Keep on walking in the Spirit / Keep on living by the Spirit.

One of our greatest needs is C\_\_\_\_\_.

### 3. Obvious Progress

Walking implies progress – going from where one is to where one ought to be.

## II. The Conflict (v17)

### 1. An Ongoing Battle

Paul talks about an ongoing battle in every believer, between the two natures that we all have – Divine Nature / Human Nature

The word, “flesh” = (not the human body) = man’s fallen nature/ our fallen humanness that we received from A\_\_\_\_\_ in the Garden of Eden.

### 2. We Are Caught in the M\_\_\_\_\_ (v17b)

### 3. Jesus Won the Battle for Us (v 18)

Rom 8:3–4: “God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, *in order that* the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit” (RSV; italics added).