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Living In Freedom: The Way Of The Spirit

Galatians 5:13-15 - *For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don't use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love. ¹⁴ For the whole law can be summed up in this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁵ But if you are always biting and devouring one another, watch out! Beware of destroying one another.*

Our Lives Apart From The Saving Grace Of God And The Transforming Work Of The Spirit

Slavery To Sin Comes With Being Human

Psalms 51:5 - *For I was born a sinner— yes, from the moment my mother conceived me.*

Romans 7:18 - *And I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. I want to do what is right, but I can't.*

We Live With A Insistent Threat To Our Freedom In Christ

- (1) The Holy Spirit.**
- (2) Christ's Compassion And Forgiveness.**

Resisting The Flesh Is Living In The Spirit And Serving One Another

Unless The Holy Spirit Is Welcomed, Embraced, And Obeyed, Selfishness And Disagreement Will Reign

Exchange Self-Indulgence With Loving Service To Others

Galatians 5:16-18 - *So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves. ¹⁷ The sinful nature wants to do evil, which is just the opposite of what the Spirit wants. And the Spirit gives us desires that are the opposite of what the sinful nature desires. These two forces are constantly fighting each other, so you are not free to carry out your good intentions. ¹⁸ But when you are directed by the Spirit, you are not under obligation to the law of Moses.*

The Spirit And The Flesh Are At War With Each Other; They Have Different Appetites Which Creates Conflict.

2 Corinthians 5:21 - *For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.*

We Actively Choose To Stand On The Side Of The Spirit Over Against The Flesh.

Psalms 40:8 - *I take joy in doing your will, my God, for your instructions are written on my heart.*

- 1) Respond To.**
- 2) Depend On.**
- 3) Cooperate With.**