



Series: Life in the Favor of Jesus

Passage Galatians 5:16-18, John 14:15-18, 25-27

Title Realities of a Spirit Led Life Part I

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Discussion Starter: Has our study in Galatians allowed you to more fully embrace your call as a son or daughter of God? How is this effecting you? Are your desires starting to change from being self-focused to focusing on serving and building others?

Realities of the Spirit Led Life: (Galatians 5:16-18)

- According to this passage there are two natures at work in every Christian. What are these two natures and what type of conflict do they create in our daily life as Christians?
- Verse 16. How would you describe what it means to you to “Walk in the Spirit” (notice the verb choice: **walk**)? What promise do we have from God if we “Walk in the Spirit”?
- Why do you think God saves us and then allows us to have these two natures in one body that are in conflict with each other?
- What a dilemma! Our fleshly sin nature is in constant conflict with the Holy Spirit’s desire to lead us in life. How does God reveal His compassionate understanding of our dilemma and show us tremendous grace in 5:18? (For additional insight also consider Rom 8:13).
- There is great confusion regarding the Holy Spirit, the most misunderstood person in the Trinity. In your own words describe what it means to live a Spirit led life?

The Spirit Led Life is NOT:

1. The Spirit led life is not **HYPER SENSATIONAL**: What are some of the misconceptions and false teachings that are frequently associated with the Holy Spirit?
 - According to John 16:13-15 what four ways did Jesus teach us as to how the Holy Spirit would move / do in a believer’s life?
2. The Spirit led life is not **PASSIVE SURRENDER**: Pastor David taught that a Spirit led life is not apathetic, instead it is active seeking, knocking and listening to God. Do you agree with this? Explain why?
 - What does it mean to actively & diligently seek to be led by God?
3. The Spirit led life is not us **TRYING HARDER** to clean ourselves up. Discuss why, according to Romans 8:7, this is true.
 - Instead of trying harder to earn a Spirit led life Jesus taught us to simply ask (Luke 11:13). The context reveals this is to be a **continual asking** (just as **walk** is a continual action in Gal 5:16). In your own words what would continually asking God to lead you look like in your daily life?
4. The Spirit led life is not something we must **WAIT** to experience. Instead, the Holy Spirit lives in us the moment we are born again in Jesus! How inspiring to know that we do not have to wait till we are mighty theologians to have a Spirit led life! How does this truth inspire you? What will you do with this truth?