

GALATIANS: CORRECTIONS CONCERNING THE SPIRIT

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GALATIANS 5:1 -6:10

English Standard Version (ESV)

1 For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

*2 Look: I, Paul, say to you that if you accept circumcision, Christ will be of no advantage to you. 3 I testify again to every man who accepts circumcision that he is obligated to keep the whole law. 4 You are severed from Christ, you who would be justified by the law; you have fallen away from grace. 5 For through the **Spirit**, by faith, we ourselves eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness. 6 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love.*

7 You were running well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth? 8 This persuasion is not from him who calls you. 9 A little leaven leavens the whole lump. 10 I have confidence in the Lord that you will take no other view, and the one who is troubling you will bear the penalty, whoever he is. 11 But if I, brothers, still preach circumcision, why am I still being persecuted? In that case the offense of the cross has been removed. 12 I wish those who unsettle you would emasculate themselves!

13 For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. 14 For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." 15 But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.

*16 But I say, walk by the **Spirit**, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. 17 For the desires of the flesh are against the **Spirit**, and the desires of the **Spirit** are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. 18 But if you are led by the **Spirit**, you are not under the law. 19 Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, 20 idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, 21 envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. 22 But the fruit of the **Spirit** is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. 24 And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.*

*25 If we live by the **Spirit**, let us also keep in step with the **Spirit**. 26 Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.*

CHAPTER 6

1 Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. 2 Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. 3 For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. 4 But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. 5 For each will have to bear his own load.

*6 Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches. 7 Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. 8 For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the **Spirit** will from the **Spirit** reap eternal life. 9 And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. 10 So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.*

MISCONCEPTION #1: The Spirit is Just for _____, Not _____.

Text: Galatians 3:1–5

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Misconception: The Holy Spirit gets me saved, but I finish the race in my own strength.

Correction: The Spirit continues what He begins. Sanctification is Spirit-driven, **not** _____.

Application: Stop treating the Spirit like a spark plug. He is your daily power source. Depend on Him—not your discipline—to finish what God started.

MISCONCEPTION #2:

The Spirit's Work Is Primarily About _____ (Like Tongues and Prophecy)

Text: Galatians 5:22–23

*22 But the fruit of the **Spirit** is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.*

Misconception: The Spirit shows up most clearly in gifts—especially tongues, prophecy, or healing.

Correction: The true, lasting evidence of the Spirit is not public gifts but personal fruit. The Spirit prioritizes who you become, not what you do.

Application: Are you more impressed by charisma than character? The Spirit is not just for spectacular moments—He's for slow, deep transformation.

MISCONCEPTION #3: The Spirit is There to Help Me _____.

Text: Galatians 5:16–18

*6 But I say, walk by the **Spirit**, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. 17 For the desires of the flesh are against the **Spirit**, and the desires of the **Spirit** are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. 18 But if you are led by the **Spirit**, you are not under the law.*

Misconception: The Spirit empowers me to fulfill my dreams, achieve my goals, and feel good doing it.
Correction: The Spirit doesn't help you indulge your flesh—He helps you crucify it. He leads you where God wants, not where you want.

Application: Have you been using God for your agenda? The Spirit isn't your motivational coach—He's your sanctifier.

MISCONCEPTION #4: The Spirit is a Substitute for _____.

Text: Galatians 5:24–25

24 And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

*25 If we live by the **Spirit**, let us also keep in step with the **Spirit**. 26 Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.*

Misconception: If I’m really led by the Spirit, I won’t need to work at obedience—it’ll just happen.

Correction: Walking by the Spirit involves active steps—ongoing obedience, daily repentance, and deliberate pursuit of holiness.

Application: The Spirit doesn’t override effort—He inspires and sustains it. Are you using “being Spirit-led” as an excuse not to obey?

MISCONCEPTION #5: The Spirit’s Work Is Always _____ and _____.

Text: Galatians 6:7–9

7 You were running well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth? 8 This persuasion is not from him who calls you. 9 A little leaven leavens the whole lump.

Misconception: If I’m walking in the Spirit, my growth will be _____ and _____.

Correction: The Spirit often works slowly and subtly. Fruit takes time. Harvest comes after sowing and waiting.

Application: Are you tempted to give up because change is slow? Trust the Spirit’s process. Keep sowing faithfully.

MISCONCEPTION #6: The Spirit Makes Community _____.

Text: Galatians 6:1–2

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Misconception: If I have the Spirit, I don’t need spiritual authority or accountability.

Correction: The Spirit leads us into community, not away from it. We walk by the Spirit _____.

Application: Are you isolating in the name of spirituality?
Spirit-filled people _____ one another gently and _____ one another’s burdens.