THE APOSTLE PAUL'S EPISTLE TO THE CHURCHES of GALATIA

CHAPTER 5:19-26

MEDIA REFERENCE NUMBER SM-456 AUGUST 25, 2002

THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

"THE KEY TO SPIRITUAL VICTORY" - PART 2

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

Liberty, Freedom, Spiritual Independence,

INTRODUCTION

to the text

Galatians 5:19-26

PART-1
THE COMMAND AND THE CONFLICT
(16-18)

PART-2
THE CONTRAST AND THE CONQUEST
(19-26)

PART-1
THE COMMAND AND THE CONFLICT
(16-18)

1.) The Christian's Marching Orders

vv. 16

a.) The command to "hear" - Order

v.16

I say then...

b.) The command to "do" the Order

v. 16

Walk in the Spirit,

c.) The command to "experience" the Order v.16

and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

2.) The Christian's Proof of Purchase vv. 17-18

a.) The conflict "between" flesh and spirit v.17

For the flesh **lusts (desires)** against the Spirit, and the Spirit **lusts (desires)** against the flesh;

b.) The conflict "continues" to this moment v.17

and these are **contrary** to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish.

c.) The conflict "leads" us to the victory v.18

But if you are **led by the Spirit**, you are not under the law.

from The Command and the Conflict (16-18)

to Part-2

The Contrast and the Conquest (19-26)

Galatians 5:19-26

Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, 20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, 21 envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. 24 And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. 26 Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

PART-2 THE CONTRAST AND THE CONQUEST THE KEY TO SPIRITUAL VICTORY

3.)	The Christian's "Enemies" in Life	vv. 19-21	
4.)	The Christian's "Pleasure" through Life	vv. 22-24	
5.)	The Christian's "Way" of Life	vv. 25-26	

THE KEY TO SPIRITUAL VICTORY

3.) The Christian's "Enemies" in Life vv. 19-21

Now **the works of the flesh** are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, 20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, 21 envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like;..... of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Three Divisions are Given by Paul

Sexual sin, Religious sin and Sins within Human Relationships

The Christian's "Enemies" in Life

a.) Are obvious and familiar v.19

Now **the works of the flesh** are evident ...which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness,

Four Sexual Sins

Works... of the flesh... And there evident...

evident grk 5318 phaneros (fan-er-os'); are glaringly apparent. A public address, things out of doors and well known to all.

So "Evident" That Jesus Said...

Mark 7:18-23

Do not without understanding - - whatever enters a man through his mouth cannot defile him, 19"because it does not enter his heart but his stomach, and is eliminated, thus purifying all foods?" 20 What comes out of a man, that is what defiles a man. 21"For from within, that is, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, 22"thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness. 23"All these evil things come from within a man and defile a man."

...which are: adultery,

grk: Things **sexually immorality** even of thought against marriage (marital)

Fornication,

grk: pornia – sexual sin in any area Marriage / Single / Homosexuality / Prostitution / Pre-Marital Sex (single)

Uncleanness,

sexual contamination. Sexual activity outside of marriage which leads to sickness and pollution.

Lewdness,

Excessive sensuality – perversion. Sex worship. The uncontrolled desires of a person in a sexual manner. Obsession with sexual things obvious or suggested.

The Christian's "Enemies" in Life

b.) Are ugly and alluring

v.20

...idolatry, sorcery...

two religious Sins

...idolatry,

eidololatreia (i-do-lol-at-ri'-ah);
Bowing, consulting, seeking any image in an act worship
To literally or figuratively bow to anything or anyone in worship.
Specifically in the areas of carved or crafted images or icons
Be it statue or painting.

Exodus 20:4

(The Second Commandment)

"You shall not make for yourself a carved image, of any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; (context = worship)

Sex / Power / Wealth / Sports / Vanity is Idol of our day

sorcery,

pharmakeia (far-mak-i'-ah);

pharmacy/pharmaceutical – to perform "supernatural magic". Mind altering drugs. To alter conscienceous. Demonism and witchcraft. Occultic practices, Spells

Deuteronomy 18:10-12

if anyone present his child to be burned to death or offered as a human sacrifice, this person must be put to death. No one practicing magic, or one who calls up demonic spirits for aid, or for insight into the realm of the spirit world - be it a charmer, medium, or wizard, 11 or anyone who calls forth beyond the grave to the spirits of those now dead. 12 Anyone doing these things is an object of God's wrath and judgment - it is because such things are done among pagan people that the nations that do these things – will be displaced by the Lord your God.

The rest - Human relation

The Christian's "Enemies" in Life

c.) Are mean and seductive

v.20-21

hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, 21 envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like;

hatred,

division among one another, bitterness, bad attitude

contentions,

arguing, personal wars against another, resistance

jealousies,

desiring to take, steal what another has.

Outbursts of wrath,

Sudden and explosive reactions toward others. Emotional acts

Selfish ambitions,

The desire to harm or injure another to advance yourself

Dissensions, heresies, envy,

Cliques, divisiveness, feuds

Murders,

Hatred to such a degree that if possible – Murder would result because of (envy)

Drunkenness,

methay – possessed by alcohol. "Out of character". desiring to be altered

revelries,

komos – to let lose or untie yourself from civility. To go about looking to party toward danger. A riot

...and the like;

Verse 21

...of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things

will not inherit the kingdom of God.

1 Corinthians 6:9-10

Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, 10 nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.

Meaning Salvation is not theirs

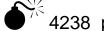
There is no Indwelling of The Holy Spirit in such a person. If no one was looking, these is a list of some of the things that they would do if they could get away with it.

If No One Was Looking

how very sad and tragic what is in the human heart

We'd "All Be Guilty" of Some of These

those who "practice" such things



4238 prasso (pras'-so);

to be at it. to "repeatedly or habitually" perform that which God is not approving of. A way of life, thinking, living, and longing...

1 John 3:4-10

Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness. 5 And you know that He was manifested to take away our sins, and in Him there is no sin. 6 Whoever abides in Him does not sin. Whoever sins has neither seen Him nor known Him. 7 Little children, let no one deceive you. He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous. 8 He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil. 9 Whoever has been born of God does not sin, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God. 10 In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest: Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is he who does not love his brother.

1 John 2:1-2

My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. 2 And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

THE CONTRAST

(19-21)

AND NOW THE **CONQUEST** (22-26)

THE KEY TO SPIRITUAL VICTORY

4.) The Christian's "Pleasure" through Life vv. 22-24

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. 24 And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

The Christian's "Pleasure" through Life

a.) We have unconditional acceptance in Christ Jesus v.22

But the fruit of the Spirit is love



Love grk 26 agape (ag-ah'-pay);

Divine affection or benevolence; the act and action of that which is perfect or true love. Selfless love toward another.

1 John 4:8

...God is (agape) love.

The Supreme Virtue of the Christian Faith

1 Corinthians 13:3

And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.

John 13:35

By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

...But the **fruit** of the Spirit

It's in the singular.

meaning that The Holy Spirit Produces a Fruit and that Fruit is Love and from it flows all that follows in the context.

There are Not Fruit(s) of the Spirit, but Fruit

John 15:13-14

"Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. 14 "You are My friends...

John 15:5-8

"I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much **fruit**; for without Me you can do nothing. 6 "If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. 7 "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. 8 "By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much **fruit**; so you will be My disciples.

A Lot of Loving

It's a Command to Do - verb!

Ephesians 5:2

And **walk in love**, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.

THE KEY TO SPIRITUAL VICTORY

The Christian's "Pleasure" through Life

b.) We have enduring hope that He will do these things v.22-23

joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control. *Against such there is no law*.

joy,

deep cheerfulness, a calm delight, a continuing bliss (A DEEP CONSTANT **DELIGHT**)

John 15:11

"These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full.

peace,

1515 eirene (i-ray'-nay); an emotional wealth, a quietness, a rest, to be in agreement (A MIND AT **REST**)

Philippians 4:6-7

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; 7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

longsuffering,

fortitude, a patience that bears up under pressure, A willingness to endure an adverse situation.

(THE **ENDURING** WELL IN DIFFICULT TIMES)

James 1:2-4

My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, 3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. 4 But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

kindness,

5544 chrestotes (khray-stot'-ace); moral excellence – a Christ-like character or attitude (HAVING A **TENDER HEART** TOWARD OTHERS)

Matthew 11:28-30

"Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 "For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

goodness,

19 agathosune (ag-ath-o-soo'-nay); benevolent. The bestowing of blessings (**THE DESIRING** TO SEE OTHERS WELL OFF & COMFORTABLE)

Galatians 6:10

Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.

faithfulness,

a deep reliance upon Christ for salvation; assurance, - fidelity. (THE **DETERMINATION** TO STAY AT SOMETHING YET UNSEEN)

Revelation 2:10

"Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.

gentleness,

4240 prautes (prah-oo'-tace);
a humble attitude: meekness.
(ACCEPTING ISSUES IN LIFE WITHOUT COMPLAINT)

Philippians 2:5-8

Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, 7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

self-control.

1466 egkrateia (eng-krat'-i-ah);
Balanced and level. Temperance.
(TO MASTER A POWER. TO HARNESS A WILD THING)

2 Peter 1:4-6

by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. 5 But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, 6 to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness,

Against such there is no law.

Galatians 6:8-9

For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. 9 And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.

John 14:14

"If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.

1Thessalonians 5:24

He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it.

Philippians 1:6

being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ;

These things (the fruit) will happen by divine means as we abide (walk) in Love, in Christ

To abide in Christ is to love God and Man

Making Decisions, Asking This; "How Does This Bless God in My Life?"

The Christian's "Pleasure" through Life

c.) We have died to ourselves

v.24

And those who are Christ's **have** crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

"Real Jesus People", those who are Christ's, HAVE crucified the flesh

They're Not Seeking Life Anymore

They found it knowing Jesus. They are interested in the things of God now

Matthew 10:38-39

"And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. 39 "He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake will find it.

I wish someone would have told me that as a teenager

Romans 6:10-14

For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. 11 Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord. 12 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. 13 And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God. 14 For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.

THE "SELF" OR "EARTH JACK"

Is an aggressive, over achiever, always looking for a deal...

THE "JESUS" OR "HEAVENLY JACK"

Is loving, joyful, peaceful, longsuffering, kind, full of goodness, faithful, gentle, under control – kinda guy

2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

THE CONQUEST

It's in Living out the reality of God's ever-present presence in our lives

THE KEY TO SPIRITUAL VICTORY

5.) The Christian's "Way" of Life

vv. 25-26

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

The Christian's "Way" of Life

a.) Is alive - with life

v.25a

If we live in the Spirit,

If

(now that we, though we, since we, because we)

(NIV) - Galatians 5:25

"Since" we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.



To have life not by earthly powers but by the Spirit's power. To live life - lively. To be living life with purpose. To be filled and overflowing with life in abundance.

To be filled and overflowing with life in abundance.

...And The Light Comes On!

John 10:10-11

"The thief (Satan) does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. 11 "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.

Luke 6:38

"Give, (Jesus has given us life) and it will be given to you: in good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will it be put into your bosom..."

Alive - Right Now!

Oh Brother Where Art Thou? - Alive In Life!!!

The Christian's "Way" of Life

b.) Is alive - with vision

v.25b

let us also walk in the Spirit.

It's not "Please Lord let us, please we really wanna..."

It means it's "Get Up" and "Go Time"
Because Jesus is on the Move Already & Walking
"Get Up" and "Go Time"

Matthew 28:6-8

...and so the angel announced... "He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. 7 "now go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead, and indeed **He is going before you** into Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you." 8 So they went out quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to bring His disciples word.

John 10:4

"And when he brings out his own sheep, **he goes before them**; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice.



grk 4748 stoicheo (stoy-kheh'-o); to march in (military) fashion by rank. To keep in step - until the victory

Colossians 2:6-7

As you have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, **so walk in Him**, 7 rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.

Now through Jesus Christ, we have the **liberty** and the **boldness** to Walk in Him

The Christian's "Way" of Life

c.) Is alive - with others

v.26

26 Let us not become **conceited**, **provoking** one another, **envying** one another.

"Others"

They're all around us. They're even here right now. They look kind of like us - but not exactly. They're people... and God loves em'

Verse 26

But being conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

There are no greater Contradictions to Christianity...

"A 'Conceited' Christian"
That's an Oxymoron or *just a Moron*

To Be Full of One's Self

I was holding a baby the other day and it was a pleasure. Until that baby decided to take what was on the inside and put it on the outside...

When that Baby became full of himself - wow, did that baby stink!

And What a Stink You and I Can Make

And every church has it's stinkers and to them everything stinks...

Like grandpa's mustache

and the Limburger cheese (it's on his face – it's on his pants – it's in the human heart)

The Holy Spirit Produces "the Opposites"

conceited,

to seek attention for yourself. To surround yourself with "you"-worshippers.

Romans 12:3 ...do not think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think soberly...

Philippians 2:3-4

Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. 4 Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

provoking

to irritate by word or deed. To agitate or stir up a reaction that separates one from another.

Ephesians 4:2-3

Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. 3 Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

Ephesians 6:4

Parents, Don't be to often at scolding and nagging your children, making them angry and resentful. Rather, bring them up with the loving discipline the Lord himself approves of, with guidance and godly advice.

envying

doing things to create jealousy (or spite) in another man's heart.

Ephesians 4:30-32

And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. 31 Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. 32 Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.