

Are you wondering what it means to be a Christian?

Jesus said, "All that the Father gives me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will never drive away" (John 6:37). Jesus also said, "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day" (John 6:44).

If you are feeling drawn to Christ, it is because God the Father is drawing you; it is not a desire we can or will create within ourselves. This also means that there is no sin too great to be forgiven, and no past too sinful to be overcome. You can trust Christ to receive you because it is God the Father who is drawing you to find true repentance and receive the gift of faith. You can know a new life in Jesus Christ.

We would love to talk and pray with you about this or any other spiritual needs you may have. Please see Pastor Mark or one of our elders after today's service to do so.

Are you interested in Baptism or Church Membership?

Please indicate your interest on the back of your Connection Card and Pastor Mark or one of the elders will be in touch with you this week to set up a time to meet with you.

THE SUFFICIENCY OF THE SPIRIT
Galatians 5:16-26

Main Thought: In Galatians 5:16-26, we discover the sufficiency of the Holy Spirit.

1. SUFFICIENT TO _____ THE _____ NATURE (THE FLESH). (vv 16-21)

1) _____ by the _____ and you will not _____ the _____ of the sinful nature. (v 16)

2) The _____ between the sinful nature and the Spirit. (vv 17-18)

3) The _____ of the sinful nature. (vv 19-21)

- (1) _____ sins.
- (2) _____ sins.
- (3) _____ sins.
- (4) Sins of _____.

4) Those who habitually live according to the acts of the sinful nature will _____ the kingdom of God.

2. SUFFICIENT TO _____ US INTO _____ . (vv 22-26)

- 1) The _____ of the Spirit.
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| (3) _____ | (8) _____ |
| (4) _____ | (9) _____ |
| (5) _____ | |

2) _____ in _____ with the _____.

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH GROUPS

1. Read Galatians 5:16-21.
2. What does it mean to live by the Spirit?
3. If we live by the Spirit, what will be avoided?
4. What conflict is described in verses 17-18? Why is it that we still struggle with the sinful nature if we have been crucified with Christ (Gal. 2:20)? In what ways do you identify with this struggle?
5. What are the acts of the sinful nature according to verses 19-20? How would you define each of them? Is this an exhaustive list?
6. What warning does Paul give in verse 21?
7. Read Galatians 5:22-26.
8. What is the fruit of the Spirit? Why do you think Paul calls this fruit? What does that imply? How would you define each aspect of the fruit?
9. What does Paul mean when he says, "against such things there is no law"?
10. How have we crucified the sinful nature?
11. How do we keep in step with the Spirit?
12. How does verse 26 fit in with the context of Paul's letter at this point?
13. How will you put the truths of this passage into practice in your life this week?