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La Jolla Christian Fellowship

Sparking The Flames Of Revival Episode 10: Fruits Of The Spirit.

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Galatians 5

¹⁶ But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please.

¹⁸ **But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law.** ¹

⁹ Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, ²¹ envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you, just as I have forewarned you, that those who practice 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 Now 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 walk by the Spirit. ²⁶ Let us not become boastful, challenging one another, envying one another.

Freedom is one of the most underestimated weapons of spiritual warfare.

- **Vs. 1** “It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. **Stand firm**, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

Fruits of war- Similar to Ephesians 6, Galatians 5 speaks about standing in battle and weaponizing the fruits of the Spirit.

2 types of bondage (SLAVERY):

- **Self-justification.** In Galatians 5 Paul seeks to demolish any platform of self-justification, knowing that it is an impossible task that leads to death. Vs. 2-6
- **Unrestrained Freedom.** Using freedom to indulge the flesh. In Galatians 5 Paul also seeks to demolish any thought of unrestrained freedom. Vs. 13-15

Self-Justification: Guilt, Pride, Shame,

²⁻⁶ Mark my words! I, Paul, tell you that if you let yourselves be circumcised, Christ will be of no value to you at all. ³ Again I declare to every man who lets himself be circumcised that he is obligated to obey the whole law. ⁴ You who are trying to be justified by the law have been alienated from Christ; you have fallen away from grace. ⁵ For through the Spirit we eagerly await by faith the righteousness for which we hope. ⁶ For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.

Unrestrained Freedom. Reptilian Brain/Flesh Lust, Greed,

¹³ You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. ¹⁴ For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁵ If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.

- People who are free do not need to prove that they are free.

Not under the law: In order to be in freedom, you need to live above the law and according to the spirit of the law.

- **Vs. 18** But if you are led by the Spirit, **you are not under the Law.**
- **Vs. 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.**

Life in the Spirit: ²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

Small Group Questions

1. What does it mean to live in freedom in Christ?
2. "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control." How would your life look if you were able to live in these attributes on a regular basis?
3. Paul says that once we are free in Christ that we don't want to abuse our freedom. What could abusing your freedom look like?
4. What does it mean to walk according to the Spirit? Or, how do we access the Spirit to get that instruction?
5. What are some signs that we are living according to the flesh?

1. August month of rest: Series Jesus Unmasked
2. Courtyard
3. 6 Min of prayer
4. Reach out, Care for others, Continue to support \$