

## **“Walking by the Spirit” (Galatians 5:16-18)**

### **Introduction**

**Thesis:** I want you to consider with me five guiding principles for “walking by the Spirit” and, thus, being confident of pleasing God.

- I. Be \_\_\_\_\_ upon God’s Word.
  
- II. Be \_\_\_\_\_ for God’s enabling power.
  
- III. Be \_\_\_\_\_ of indwelling sin.
  
- IV. Be \_\_\_\_\_ God’s love in you.
  
- V. Be \_\_\_\_\_ in God’s promise to you.

### **Conclusion**

### **Text:**

**Galatians 5:16-18** - But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. 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. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law.

### **Related Texts**

#### **Ephesians 5:18-20**

And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord; always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father;

#### **Colossians 3:16**

Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms *and* hymns *and* spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

#### **1 John 3:24**

The one who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. We know by this that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.

#### **Ephesians 3:14-19**

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; *and* that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God.

#### **1 John 5:14-15**

This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us *in* whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him.

#### **Ephesians 4:30-32**

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.

#### **Proverbs 28:13**

He who conceals his transgressions will not prosper, But he who confesses and forsakes *them* will find compassion.

#### **Romans 5:5**

and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

#### **1 John 4:11-13**

Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has seen God at any time; if we love one another, God abides in us, and His love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in Him and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit.

#### **2 Corinthians 5:14-15**

For the love of Christ controls us, having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died; and He died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf.

#### **Philippians 1:6**

*For I am* confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.

#### **Romans 8:2-4**

For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God *did*: sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and *as an offering* for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, so that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.