

Living a new life by the Spirit

Matthew 14:25, 28-31: "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water."



Galatians 5:13-26

Paul describes 2 ways to live:

The flesh (human nature weakened by sin)

- Protect self

- If we have excess, perhaps help others

- This is the way of humanity

By the Spirit

- Through love, serve one another

- This is the way of God

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We are no longer under the impossible burden of trying to earn acceptance with God through our own efforts

We are not 'free' to be selfish but to live in the Spirit

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The Big Idea

Living as a Christian is...

deliberately choosing to walk in the Spirit's ways ("through love, serve one another")

by faith in the Spirit's work past, present & future

What should we do?

Trust in the Spirit's work

Without faith, it is impossible to please God

Past: He applied Christ's work to save us

Present/Future: When we seek to obey,

He is and will be working!

Choose to serve others through love

In the fruit of the Spirit

By the Spirit's working and power



How do
 knowing the Father,
 abiding in Christ,
 and walking by the Spirit
relate to each other?

Trinity (tri-unity)

One Being (One God)

Three persons: Father, Son, Spirit

We have life from One God in 3 persons

Father: life from above, knowing Him

Son: abide/remain in Christ

Spirit: walk by Spirit, led by, empowered by...

Reflection Questions for later today or this week...

1. How might we be tempted to use our freedom in Christ as an opportunity to “indulge the flesh”?
2. What makes “serving one another humbly in love” risky? What makes it hard?
3. How might we serve one another without humility or without love? What does this kind of serving do to us, and to the ones we claim to be serving?
4. Read again the list of the fruit of the Spirit (see Galatians 5:22-23). How does each quality relate to “serve one another humbly in love”?
5. What does it mean to trust in the past work of the Spirit? (for example, see Romans 5:8 and Galatians 2:19-21)
6. What does it mean to trust in the present work of the Spirit? (for example, see Mark 4:26-29 and Luke 13:18-21)
7. What does it mean to trust in the future work of the Spirit? (for example, see Galatians 6:7-10)
8. What is a specific way that you plan to serve one another humbly in love as an act of faith in the Spirit?

Conversation starters

What makes serving others good? What makes serving others hard? What helps you serve cheerfully and well?