

"The Battle For Holiness: The Spirit Verses the Flesh"
Galatians 5:16-26

"Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to *ABSTAIN* from the passions of the flesh, which *WAGE WAR* against your soul. Keep your *CONDUCT* among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation" (1 Peter 2:11-12).

"As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He *INDEED* bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty" (Matthew 13:23). "By this My Father is glorified, that you bear *MUCH FRUIT* and so *PROVE* to be My disciples" (John 15:8).

- The Battle: Galatians 5:16-18
 - Walk by the Spirit: *Submission* (5:16); Desires of the Spirit: *Holiness* (5:17); Led by the Spirit: *Actions, Effort, Thinking* (5:18); Live by the Spirit: *Salvation* (5:25); Keep in step with the Spirit: *Walk worthy* (5:25).
 - Gratify the Flesh: *Submission* (5:16); Desires of the Flesh: *Sinfulness* (5:17); Works of the Flesh: *Actions, Effort, Thinking* (5:19); Under the Law: *Unsaved* (5:18); Let us not become conceited, provoking (competing) one another, envying one another: *Walk Unworthy* (5:26).
 - 1) "They are against each other." 2) "They are opposed to each other." 3) "They keep you from doing the things you want to do." 4) "Have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires." *"But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires." (Romans 13:14)*
- Selfishness: Galatians 5:19-21,26 (*concerned excessively or exclusively with oneself; seeking or concentrating on one's own advantage, pleasure, or well-being without regard for others or God and His Word*).
 - *Selfishness in Sexuality:* Sexual Immorality, Impurity, Sensuality, Orgies.
 - *Selfishness in Worship:* Idolatry, Sorcery.
 - *Selfishness in Relationships:* Enmity, Strife, Jealousy, Fits of Anger, Rivalries, Dissensions, Divisions, Envy, Drunkenness.
- Selflessness: Galatians 5:22-25 (*the quality of caring more about what other people need and want than about what you yourself need and want in light of God's Word*)
 - **Know – Ask for help – Act – Feel or Feel – Depend on self – Act – Self-loathe**
 - *Love:* Biblical, self-less actions for the good of others, spiritually and physically.
 - *Joy:* Knowing that your standing with God is secure and that His strength is your hope, not your own and acting like this is true.
 - *Peace:* Knowing that God is with you and for you no matter what and acting as if that is true.
 - *Patience:* Knowing that there is purpose in your waiting and doing what is right as you wait on God.
 - *Kindness:* Knowing how God has treated you in Christ so you can treat others the same way.
 - *Goodness:* Knowing what God has commanded you to do and doing it with the attitude He has commanded you to do it with.
 - *Faithfulness:* Knowing that you can do the right thing no matter the circumstance and then doing it.
 - *Gentleness:* Knowing that you have no right to revenge or retribution and trusting God in the pain while doing good.
 - *Self-control:* Knowing the call of consistency regardless of how I feel and walking in that consistency.

Worship: Bless the Lord, O My Soul (Psalm 103) — Sovereign Grace Music This is Amazing Grace — Phil Wickham
Lord From Sorrows Deep I Call — Matt Boswell **Closing Song:** I Stand Amazed — Norton Hall Band

Service Times: Sundays: Prayer 4:30/Church 5:30; Tuesdays: (In-Home) Bible Study: Women 6:30/Men 6:30 & 7; Thursdays: Prayer 6:20/Church 7

Announcements:

★**DONATIONS:** Throughout the month of April we are collecting monetary donations for Heartbeats. For more information about Heartbeats and what they do, please see the board on the back table. There is a container on the back table for your monetary donations. You can also give on Venmo, please just make sure to note that it is for Heartbeats.

★**HEALTHTREE MOVES FOR MYELOMA:** We are putting together a team to participate in the 5K/1 Mile Walk happening on Saturday, June 3rd at Wolfe Park in Columbus, Ohio — the race starts at 9am, and the cost is \$35 per person. If you are interested in participating in this, please see the board on the back table for more information, or see Joel Decker for any questions you may have. To register for the event, you will need to go online and register with Team Legacy.

★**LADIES SPRING BRUNCH:** Ladies, mark your calendars — we will be having a Spring Brunch on Saturday, May 6th, at 10am, at Jen and Breanna's house (981 Lawnview Avenue). There is a sign-up list on the table in the entryway, please sign-up to bring something to the Spring Brunch. All of the ladies are invited to join us for this time of fellowship together. Please consider carpooling, since parking is limited!

★**TRANSMISSION OF SCRIPTURE:** We will be starting a new Sunday Teaching Class at the end of May. This class will be on the transmission of Scripture — how we got the Bible. It will be every Sunday, from 4-5pm, in the Fellowship Hall. This is a 6 week class that will be taught by Pastor Jeremey. There is a sign-up list on the table in the entryway, if you are interested in participating in this class, please sign-up!

★**MEMBERS MEETING:** On Sunday, April 30th, we will be having a Members Meeting immediately following the worship service. This meeting will be to discuss and vote on the operating budget for the rest of 2023, as well as voting on By-Law additions and changes. If you are currently a church member, please plan on staying for this meeting!

★**FELLOWSHIP DINNER:** We are having a Fellowship Dinner NEXT Sunday, April 23rd, immediately following the worship service. There is a sign-up list on the table in the entryway, please sign-up to bring something to the dinner. EVERYONE is invited to stay to enjoy the dinner and fellowship with us!