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January 7th	Intro Overview	Bible Study
January 14th	Revelation	Galatians 1:11-24
January 21st	Justification	Galatians 2:1-2:21
January 28th	Adoption	Galatians 3:1-4:31
February 4th	Liberation	Galatians 5:1-15
February 11th	Sanctification	Galatians 5:16-23
February 25th	Mortification	Galatians 5:24-26
March 3rd	Reconciliation	Galatians 6:1-16
March 10th	Perseverance	Galatians 6:17-18
March 24th	Preservation	Galatians 1:1-10

Doctrines of Conversion

Happen in a moment but impact you the rest of your life.

Doctrines of Maturity

Happen moment by moment and get worked out the rest of your life.

Galatians 5:16-23

Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things.

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– the flesh vs. the Spirit.

5:17 - For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want.

2. The flesh is our corrupted desires bent toward self-indulgence and self-assertion.

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“In Christian theology, ideas of the fall and original sin teach us that all our desires are in some sense wrongly directed. This doctrine finds its origins in Paul’s letters ... Every desire of every person is wrongly directed; the church is a company of sinners.”

-Stephen Holmes

3. The Holy Spirit is God sent inside you to guide you toward loving neighbor and honoring God.

5:22-23 - The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Desires of the Flesh

Self-indulgence

Self-assertion

Desires of the Spirit

Love Neighbor

Honor God

4. The only way to overcome the flesh is by the daily gradual transformation of the Spirit.

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Sanctification (Galatians 5:17-23)

1. The Christian has two warring masters inside of you - the flesh vs. the Spirit.
2. The flesh is our corrupted desires bent toward self-indulgence and self-assertion.
3. The Holy Spirit is God sent inside you to guide you toward loving neighbor and honoring God.
4. The only way to overcome the flesh is by the gradual transformation of the Spirit.

One of the great schemes of the enemy is how he has
normalized the desires of the flesh.

Augustine - Sin is rooted in disordered loves.

- Humans are image bearers
- Created to love God and each other
- Sin is when we love:
 - a. the wrong things
 - b. the right things in the wrong order

Freud - Unhappiness is rooted in suppressed desires.

- Humans are animals
- Driven by desire for pleasure
- The repression of desire is the basis for neurosis.

Augustine

Humans are image bearers created to love God and each other. Therefore, when we love the wrong things or the right things out of order, even if it feels good in the moment, we suffer.

Freud

Humans are animals driven by desires for pleasure. Therefore, when our desires are suppressed, even for good of our family or community, we suffer.

"In such a culture, and in throws of such fascination, the self exists to be explored, indulged, and expressed, but not disciplined or restrained."

-Alvin Plantinga

Let it go, let it go
Can't hold it back anymore
Let it go, let it go
Turn away and slam the door
I don't care what they're going to say
Let the storm rage on
The cold never bothered me anyway
It's time to see what I can do
To test the limits and break through
No right, no wrong, no rules for me
I'm free

How do I live by the Spirit?

1. Stop making stuff!

"The Spirit did *not* tell you that!"

JOHN 14:26

But when the Father sends the Advocate as my representative—that is, the Holy Spirit—He will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I have told you.

Lent Text-In Bible Reading Plan

Text Bible to 833-275-2412

How do I live by the Spirit?

1. Stop making stuff!
2. Stick to what has been spoken.

Rule of Life

“I have both rhythms and restrictions to help me connect with God and resist popular culture.”

Rhythm – Daily prayerful engagement with Scripture

Restriction – Limiting the quality and quantity of your screen intake