

Walk By the Spirit August 4, 2024

Walk: to walk in line in strict accordance to a particular pace. to walk in cadence and keep in step. the direction of one's life.

Galatians 5:1-26, *"It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery.*

² *Behold I, Paul, say to you that if you receive circumcision, Christ will be of no benefit to you.*

³ *And I testify again to every man who receives circumcision, that he is under obligation to keep the whole Law.* ⁴ *You have been severed from Christ, you who are seeking to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace.* ⁵ *For we through the Spirit, by faith, are waiting for the hope of righteousness.* ⁶ *For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything, but **faith working through love.***

⁷ *You were running well; who hindered you from obeying the truth?* ⁸ *This persuasion did not come from Him who calls you.* ⁹ *A little leaven leavens the whole lump of dough.* ¹⁰ *I have confidence in you in the Lord that you will adopt no other view; but the one who is disturbing you will bear his judgment, whoever he is.* ¹¹ *But I, brethren, if I still preach circumcision, why am I still persecuted? Then the stumbling block of the cross has been abolished.* ¹² *I wish that those who are troubling you would even mutilate themselves.*

¹³ *For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but **through love serve one another.*** ¹⁴ *For the whole Law is fulfilled in one word, in the statement, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."* ¹⁵ *But if you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another."*

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.* ¹⁹ *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."*

Self-Control: true mastery from within that can only be accomplished by the power of the Lord.

John 13:34, *“A new command I give you, love one another, even as I have loved you.”*

1 Thessalonians 5:5-6, 11, *“We are not of night nor of darkness; ⁶ so then let us not sleep as others do, but let us be alert and **sober**. ¹¹ Therefore encourage one another and build up one another, just as you also are doing.”*

Sober: to be free from every form of mental and spiritual ‘drunkenness’, from excess, passion, rashness, confusion, etc. to be well-balanced and self-controlled.

1 Peter 1:13, *“Prepare your minds for action, keep sober in spirit.”*

1 Peter 4:7-9, *“Be of sober spirit for the purpose of prayer. ⁸ Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins. ⁹ Be hospitable to one another without complaint.”*

1 Peter 5:8, *“Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.”*

John 10:10, *“The thief (Satan) comes only to steal, kill, and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”*