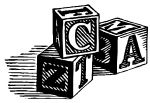


Acts 2:12 And they all continued in amazement and great perplexity, saying to one another,

"What Does This Mean?"

Response Questions for, "Paul's Application of Justification in the life of the believer: The Key to Grace Living," (Galatians 5:16-26).



Basic Ideas from Galatians 5:16-26.

The Holy Spirit is calling to us from this passage to consider three ideas.

1. The Holy Spirit desires for us to know the power of the person and work of Jesus Christ in behalf of His people.
2. The Holy Spirit desires for us to choose to rest in His finished work and stop trying to do what has already been done.
3. The Holy Spirit desires for us to feel the joy of resting in His finished work.



Basic Question from Galatians 5:16-26.

1. What two ideas are set in opposition to each other in verse 16?
2. If verse 16 is an expansion to verses 13-15, what would the flesh look like and what would walking in the Spirit look like?
3. Are the flesh and the Spirit compatible?
4. Are the things that please me in verse 17 the things of the flesh or of the Spirit?
5. According to Paul's argument up to this point, is the believer under the Law?
6. If the believer is not under the Law then what is true according to verse 18?
7. Is walking by the Spirit in verse 16 different than being led by the Spirit in verse 18?
8. Is being led by the Spirit conditional or unconditional? If it is conditional, what is the one condition as noted in verse 18?
9. Is the flesh in our current paragraph different than the flesh noted in verse 13?
10. What do the works of the flesh look like from verses 19-21?
11. Could verse 15 be a simple summary of these various deeds? If so, what is the flesh when reduced to its "bottom line?"
12. Could "under the Law" and "deeds of the flesh" be synonymous in this paragraph?
13. What is the outcome of being "under the Law" and "practicing the flesh" according to verse 21?
14. What is the opposite of the "deeds of the flesh" in verse 22?
15. Is "walking," "led," and "fruit" synonymous in our paragraph or are they distinct ideas? Are these things conditional or unconditional?
16. What or who does this fruit describe?
17. Remember what Galatians 3:29 says? If 3:29 is true, then what is also true according to verse 24? Notice the language of 2:20. Why has my flesh been crucified?

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18. Is “walking,” “led,” “fruit,” and “living” synonymous in our paragraph or are they distinct ideas? Are these ideas different than following Jesus Christ? Are these things conditional or unconditional?
19. Notice the wording of verse 25. If living is causal, then what is walking?
20. How do I “walk by the Spirit?”
21. If everything is true concerning my position in Christ, then the prohibitions in verses 13, 15 and 26 are equally true.
22. What is verse 26 describing? Note verse 19 and verse 13.
23. From this paragraph, is it possible for the believer to be walking in the Spirit and working the deeds of the flesh at the same time?
24. Is the paragraph showing us the contrast between the believer and the unbeliever or between the obedient believer and the disobedient believer? If the contrast is between the obedient believer and the disobedient believer, then what is the outcome for the disobedient believer in verse 21?
25. What preconceived ideas does this paragraph challenge?
26. What does this passage mean to you?



The **Basic Application** from Galatians 5:16-26.

1. Do you want to dance in the “rain” of grace?
2. Do you want to feel the warmth of God’s “Sun?”
3. Then give up trying and start resting in the hammock of His finished work.
4. Many of you have closed the umbrella of your legalism and are now enjoying the “reign” of grace in your life. Some of you still have your umbrellas up and are resisting the cool, cleansing “rain” of grace.
5. May it please God to break you so that nothing else matters but Him.
6. May you triumphantly proclaim with the redeemed of God, “HE is enough in this life and in the life that is to come.”