



Sunday Sermon Discussion Outline

Pastor Philip Thomas, September 7, 2025

Galatians 5:13-6:10 – Living Free (Part 3)

Paul presents a list of obvious sins that are similar to lists in his other epistles, in Peter's epistle, and in the book of Revelation. By paying attention to these warnings, we can discern our desires that give birth to not-so-obvious sins, which have the potential to mature into these obvious sins.

We respond and apply the Word of God we have heard by relying on the Holy Spirit to avoid both obvious and not-so-obvious sins.

May God fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. May you always remember that he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. (Colossians 1:9-12)

Discussion Questions:

- Why is it significant that Paul (in Romans 1:29-31, 1 Corinthians 6:9-10, Ephesians 5:3-5, Colossians 3:5, and 2 Timothy 3:2-4), Peter (in 1 Peter 4:3), and John (in Revelation 21:8) present similar lists of obvious sins?
- In what way are the lists of obvious sins a direct contrast to the attributes of the fruit of the Spirit?
- What is the similar contrast to obvious sins and the fruit of the Spirit that Jesus makes in Matthew 7:15-20?
- How did you react when you read through the lists of obvious sins? Why?
- How should we test ourselves regarding the list of obvious and their corresponding not-so-obvious sins?
- How can we rely on the Holy Spirit to deal with our obvious and not-so-obvious sins?