

# LIFE IN THE KINGDOM

Pentecost

**ABIDE:** Silence & prayer to help us intentionally focus on recognizing it is the Holy Spirit at work in us and through us that helps us to understand the things of Christ.  
**WE ARE FULLY DEPENDENT ON GOD.**

Review: 2 Cor. 5:18-20

- Reconciled (brought into relationship) to God through Christ
- Given and trusted with the ministry of reconciliation
- Ambassadors who represent Christ
- God negotiates with other people through us to be reconciled to him

'5 Why' Analysis of the problem:

- Why was/is reconciliation needed?
- Why are people separated from God?
- Why/How did sin break that relationship?
- Why do people keep pursuing life apart from God?
- Why can't humanity fix the separation on its own?

Solution to the problem? (Hint: Acts 1:8 "the Holy Spirit will come on you and give you power.")

**OBEY:** We read, learn, and understand how to apply with the Bible teaches so that we can know what actions to do or not do.  
**WE LIVE WHAT JESUS TAUGHT.**

## Galatians 5:16-25

16 I say be guided by the Spirit and you won't carry out your selfish desires.

17 A person's selfish desires are set against the Spirit, and the Spirit is set against one's selfish desires. They are opposed to each other, so you shouldn't do whatever you want to do.

18 But if you are being led by the Spirit, you aren't under the Law.

19 The actions that are produced by selfish motives are obvious, since they include sexual immorality, moral corruption, doing whatever feels good,

20 idolatry, drug use and casting spells, hate, fighting, obsession, losing your temper, competitive opposition, conflict, selfishness, group rivalry,

21 jealousy, drunkenness, partying, and other things like that. I warn you as I have already warned you, that those who do these kinds of things won't inherit God's kingdom.

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

23 gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against things like this.

24 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the self with its passions and its desires.

25 If we live by the Spirit, let's follow the Spirit.

v.16 What/whom are we to be guided by? What does it mean to be guided? Why?

v. 17 What is the warning given here?

v. 18 What does it mean we aren't under the Law?

v. 19-21 What types of things do selfish desires lead to? What is the warning?

v. 22-23 Compare/contrast verses 19-21 to these 2 verses. Why do you think he makes the statement "there is no law against things like this"?

v. 24 "crucified the self with its passions and desires" HOW??

Matthew 16:24: Then Jesus spoke to his disciples. He said, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must **say no to themselves**. They must **pick up their cross** and **follow me**.)

Three specific, actionable commitments:

**"say no to themselves"**

**"pick up their cross"**

**"follow Me"**

v. 25 "follow the Spirit" (ties to verse 16 "guided")

**SURRENDER:** We walk in obedience while learning how to align our inward will with the outward action. This is where the "I Will statement" becomes something you desire to do, not just something you do out of obedience.

**WE KEEP IN STEP WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

**HOPE SHOT:** We are separated from God by sin, but through Jesus, God gave the Holy Spirit so people could be restored to relationship with Him and empowered to make Jesus known.

**GO:** You leave this place with the truth God has shown you today. You + the Holy Spirit take your I Will statement into the spaces and places you occupy every day of the week. "be a light for other people. Live so that they will see the good things you do and praise your Father in heaven."

**NEXT WEEK:** How we make Jesus known without being weirdos, hypocrites, and jerks :)

**Homework:** Read Acts 1:4-8, Matthew 9:35-10:5, 2 Cor. 5:18-20