









THE LETTER

# GALEATIANS

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— THAT SAVED THE CHURCH



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Galatians 5:22-23 (NIV 2011)

<sup>2</sup> I would like to learn just one thing from you: Did you **receive the Spirit** by the works of the law, or by believing what you heard? <sup>3</sup> Are you so foolish? After beginning by means of the **Spirit**, are you now trying to finish by means of the flesh?

Galatians 3:2-3 (NIV 2011)

<sup>6</sup> Because you are his sons, God sent **the Spirit of His Son** into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, *“Abba, Father.”*

Galatians 4:6 (NIV 2011)

<sup>13</sup> And you also were included in Christ when **you heard** the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When **you believed, you were marked** in him with a seal, the promised **Holy Spirit,**  
<sup>14</sup> who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession — to the praise of His glory.

Ephesians 1:13-14 (NIV 2011)

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Galatians 5:22-23 (NIV 2011)







“The fruit of the Spirit is from the power of the Holy Spirit. But we hinder the growth of the fruit if we don’t play our role as the gardener.”



<sup>16</sup> So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the **flesh**.

Galatians 5:16 (NIV 2011)



# Σάρξ (Sarx)

NIV 1984	“sinful nature”
NIV 2011	“flesh”
ESV	“flesh”
CEB	“selfish impulses”

<sup>17</sup> For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. <sup>18</sup> But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

Galatians 5:17-18 (NIV 2011)



<sup>19</sup> The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; <sup>20</sup> idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions <sup>21</sup> and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Galatians 5:19-21 (NIV 2011)

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Galatians 5:19-21a (NIV 2011)



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Galatians 5:21b (NIV 2011)

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Galatians 5:20 (NIV 2011)



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Galatians 5:21b (NIV 2011)

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Galatians 5:22-23 (NIV 2011)



<sup>13</sup> You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, **serve one another humbly in love.**

<sup>14</sup> For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: **“Love your neighbor as yourself.”** <sup>15</sup> If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.

Galatians 5:13-15 (NIV 2011)

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Galatians 5:22-23 (NIV 2011)



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Galatians 5:24-25 (NIV 2011)

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Galatians 2:20 (NIV 2011)



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Galatians 5:24-25 (NIV 2011)

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