

# ***"The Conflict Within"***

***Galatians 5:13-26***

## **The Good News of the Gospel**

I have been called to freedom  
That can be lost to legalism  
That can be misused through indulgence

## **The two realms of existence**

The realm of the flesh: Life lived centered in self  
The realm of the Spirit: Life lived centered in Jesus

## **Realities no one can deny**

I cannot exist with two centers  
Flesh and the Spirit are always in conflict

## **Questions for the believer:**

Who do I walk by?	Daily relationship
Who am I led by?	Purpose for living
Who do I live by:	Source of power

## **Unavoidable results of fleshly living**

Acts of sin  
Loss of eternal inheritance

## **Drastic solutions for the conflict within**

Crucify the flesh  
Live in the Spirit

## **The wonderful result of life centered in the Spirit:**

The fruit of the Spirit

<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.

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

<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.

<sup>22</sup>But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,<sup>23</sup>gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. <sup>24</sup>Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup>Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. <sup>26</sup>Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.



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