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### **THE WALK for SPIRITUAL FREEDOM**

Very often the pastor may teach an unscripted lesson by the indwelling Holy Spirit (John 14:26; 1 John 2:20-26-27). Last Wednesday was such an experience for us all. Thank you for your grace attitude, patience, and participation. If you wish to review it, you can find last Wednesday's lesson [here](#).

Today we will resume the scripted lesson from Gal.5:16-18. **While preparing for this lesson, I thought about the use of walks to raise awareness for all kinds of social causes.**

**This lesson will study four aspects of The Walk for Spiritual Freedom (eleutheria).**

- 1. In Gal.5:17, the reciprocal pronoun (allelous/ allos) [a similar kind] was used to establish the theology of two opposite natures in every Church Age Believer (CAB). This doctrinal concept is unique to the church age.**

The English dictionary defines reciprocal pronoun as: "A pronoun (as each other) used when its referents are predicated to bear the same relationship to one another."

(Gal.5:17) "For **the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit**, and the Spirit **against** the flesh; for these (houtos) [demonstrative pronoun/ n. plural n.] are in **opposition (antikeimai)** [p. middle - internal warfare - ind.3ps] (Rom.7:14-25) to **one another** (allelous) [d. plural m.] So that **you may not do** the things that you please."

There are two opposing natures in every CAB as a result of grace salvation (Rom.6:12-19; 7:25).

- **Flesh (OSN) [Carnal Nature]** is received at physical birth and remains until physical death (Rom.8:9; Eph.2:3).
- **Spirit (IHS) [Spiritual Nature]** is received at spiritual birth and remains until physical death or rapture (John 3:1-8; 14:16; 2 Pet.1:4; 2 Cor.5:17).

The Indwelling Holy Spirit (IHS) is the only absolute that has power over the OSN (Gal.5:16) and **NOT** "Will" power, "reform" power, "legal" power, or "love" power! (Matt.23:25-28).

- 2. Before grace salvation, the unbeliever is neither carnal (sarkikos) (1 Cor.3:3) nor spiritual (pneumatikos) (1 Cor.3:3), rather he is called the natural (psuchikos) man. (1 Cor.2:14)**

Only a CAB can be carnal or spiritual because it is based on the Indwelling Holy Spirit (IHS) (Gal.5:16-17).

The natural man does not have the IHS (Rom.8:9; Jude 19; Gal.3:2-3; John 7:37-39 and 1 Cor.6:19-20) and therefore does not have the choice of walk in anything but his flesh.

NOTE: These two walks are mutual exclusive – one or the other, never both at the same time! (Gal.5:16-18).

### 3. **These two walks are not by feet but by minds (Rom.8:4-8).**

Paul warns us regarding how we should set our minds:

(Rom.8:5) “For those who are according to **the flesh set their minds** on the things of the flesh, but those who are according to **the Spirit**, the things of the Spirit.”

Paul mentioned four results of a carnal mind-set. (FLESH / OSN).

- **Temporal death** (Rom.8:6; 1 Tim.5:6; Heb.12:5-11)
- **Hostile towards God** (Rom.8:7a; Heb.4:11-12)
- **Unable to submit to the Law of God** (Rom.8:7b; Gal.5:18; Rom.6:14-23 )
- **Cannot please God** (Rom.8:8; Heb.11:5-6; Rom.12:1; 2 Cor.5:9; 1 Tim.4:1)

### 4. **Spiritual freedom creates the volitional opportunity to walk by means of the indwelling Holy Spirit or by means of the flesh (Gal.5:16).**

Spiritual freedom creates the volitional opportunity for **two opposing walks** in the CWL.

(Gal.5:16) “**But I say, walk** (peripateo/ p.a.impv.2pl.) [Directive Will of God in every area of your life) **by The Spirit, and you will not** (ouk-me) [absolutely not!] **carry out the desires of the flesh.**” (OSN)

When the CAB walks by the flesh (OSN), he / she is called carnal (1 Cor.3:1-3) (sarkikos) [fleshly].

When a CAB walks by the Power of The Indwelling Spirit, he / she is called spiritual (1 Cor.3:1-3) (pneumatikos) [belonging to The Spirit].

Spiritual freedom is **not the absence** of the desires of the flesh, nor of personal sin, but the freedom to choose to either walk by the flesh or by the Spirit (James 1:14-15; Rom.13:14; Gal.5:17).

**The Directive Will of God** is walk by the Spirit (peripateo/ **p.a.impv.2pl**) (Gal.5:16). But remember, that includes the exercise of the Geographical, Mental, and Operational Will of God as well).