

Flesh versus Spirit



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Galatians

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| | Sept 2 | True Gospel | 1 | No Other under Heaven |
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| | Sept 9 | True Grace | 2 | How Many Puny Pillars Did Pugnacious Paul Pillory? |
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Theme

Evidence of a person's salvation is seen in GODLY CHARACTER.

Galatians

- 4:21-30 Hagar & Sarah > Slave vs. Free = Cast Out Slave
 - 5:1-12 Circumcision?—then, Go All the Way! >
- 5:13-15 Freed Called to be Free ... Serve in LOVE
- 5:16-18 Controlled Walk in the Spirit ... Led by SPIRIT
- 5:19-21 Abandoned –

- Works of the FLESH
- 5:22-26 Produced Fruit of the Spirit is LOVE

Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness ...



TWO Key Verses – Galatians 5:14 & 21b Two Key Verses ... presented as In the Spirit in the Light In the Flesh in the Dark Two Passages ... Perhaps Polar Opposites here in chapter 5, Paul Disposes with the LAW & Circumcision Proposes a Life in the Spirit \checkmark

1. Key Verse – Galatians 5:14 For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: **"Love your neighbor** as yourself."

In the Spirit









Alternative Title #2

Fast Flee the



Fancy Not the Fickle Flesh



Let them be under God's CURSE

Chap. 2 – We saw Paul Pillory the Puny Pillars Punish Cutters' Propaganda ... Give Profound Postulate: Not justified by the LAW, but ONLY by FAITH in Christ

Chap. 3a -

- Fearsome Force of the Curse
 - Finality of our Fortunate Forgiving
 - Some Fools had Foiled their Faith
- hap. 3b Priority of the Promise
 - Promise >> Law > > Faith & Heir
 - Jewel of N.T. > > All One in Christ
- Chap 4:1-7 An Heir with Christ ... No Teacher/Guardian
- hap 4:8-20- Paul's Most Personal Moment
 - Treated Me as an Angel ... even as Christ
 - If you could ... would Give your Eyes



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A Rough Rugged Road we must negotiate to get to Zion ... the City of Peace Works of the Flesh vs Works of the Spirit

Works of the Flesh vs Works of the Spirit Even before we get there ... you KNOW Works of the Flesh **Today ... Sexual Immorality, Murder, Hate** Not just 2,000 years old either ... eons earlier Do not ... do NOT ... DO not ... don't do it Don't think these ABSENT in First Century Galatia **OR in First Century Judaism** We are NOT going to HIDE the BAD parts **BAD very Evident inside these Very Verses**



Statue of St. Paul, 1606 Gregorio Fernández (1576-1636) Iglesia de San Pablo, Spain

4:21-30 Hagar & Sarah > Slave vs. Free = Cast Out Slave **Under the Law ... really?** ²¹ Tell me, you who want to be under the law, are you not aware of what the law says? **Paul says this is taken figuratively** Abraham's Two Sons 1 by Flesh = Slave 1 by Promise = Free Hagar for Sinai Sarah for New Jerusalem ³¹ Brothers and sisters, we are NOT children of the slave woman, but of the FREE woman. Message: STAY FREE



5:1-12 Circumcision?—then, Go All the Way!

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

² Mark my words! I, Paul, tell you that if you let yourselves be circumcised, Christ will be of no value to you at all.

Of all the LAW, circumcision is the ... ahhh

Easiest to Confirm

Kingdom Cutters were serious!

Wanted to cut ALL Believers







5:1-12 Circumcision?—then, Go All the Way! **Not SIMPLY Easiest to Confirm** Someone had to do the CONFIRMING! There are some today who truly believe that Okay to be a Homosexual Christian Paul DENIES that in a 100 ways ... Today Religious Freedom in the U.S.A. LEGAL to be a Satanist Means it is LEGAL to be Muslim, Jew ... LEGAL to be a Homosexual



5:1-12 Circumcision?—then, Go All the Way! **To the Good Christian Church** All CAN be saved ... but no such thing as a **Christian Satanist** Christian Muslim or whatever **Christian Homosexual** All can be SAVED ... All Change their WAYS WHY in the world bring that up here? Something happens when a man or woman **Becomes a REAL Christian**



5:1-12 Circumcision?—then, Go All the Way! Seen it in the Prison Criminal who had NO SHAME ... Nakedness ... No Problem Sex with ANYONE ... No Problem Some PROUD of themselves But they become a REAL Christian God Changes Their Hearts Miracle of GRACE works inside them—Poof Modesty is IMPORTANT



5:1-12 Circumcision?—then, Go All the Way! Seen it in the Prison Muslims filed a lawsuit years ago Woman Officers SEEING Allowed Prisoners to SHOWER in skivvies Shouldn't Have been Muslims Modesty ... Morals ... Manners **REAL Christians Do NOT want to be** Naked in Public



Back then Circumcision was Critical Circumcision Easiest to Confirm This applies today in 100+ subtle ways These enthusiastic Kingdom Cutters I'm convinced PART of Paul's *Disgust* PART of Paul's Stress PART of Paul's Push

NOT just the LAW the these folks cared about Some non-Christian Kingdom CHECKERS Enjoyed their Checking too MUCH Homosexuality's not new ... see Lot in Sodom



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Circumcision Easiest to Confirm So the "Other Gospel" tearing up Galatia That is under Crystal Clear Condemnation Is that ANYONE proclaiming that one must Be Cut to be Saved is CONDEMNED Latent, ulterior ... clearly inside the certain **Christian Modesty** FRUIT of the Spirit so eloquently outlined NO Room for nasty enthusiastic Kingdom Cutter CHECKERS



Circumcision Easiest to Confirm as Paul travelled 5,000 Miles, no doubt **NO DOUBTS ... going to many synagogues** When doubting a prospect's JEWISHNESS Paul's MODESTY bristled at proving it Now much more with Christianity FREEING God forbid – NO ONE need drop his drawers To PROVE He is SAVED ANY other Gospel is Crystal Clearly **CURSED**

5:1-12 Circumcision?—then, Go All the Way! **NOW listen how Paul pushes the Galatians** ³ Again I declare to every man who lets himself be circumcised that he is obligated to obey the whole law. See Paul nail the Coffin Closed on this Curse ⁴ You who are trying to be justified by the law have been alienated from Christ; you have fallen away from grace. Curse Closed Then Paul screws tight the **Cursed Coffin**

5:1-12 Circumcision?—then, Go All the Way! ⁵ For through the Spirit we eagerly await by **FAITH the righteousness for which we hope.** ⁶ For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is FAITH expressing itself thru LOVE.

That SHOULD be clear by now



5:1-12 Circumcision?—then, Go All the Way! FAITH expressing itself thru LOVE. **Prior to Christ** Circumcision Critical to be Jew **After Christ** FAITH, not Law, to be Christian **NOW ... Circumcised or NOT ... No Difference**

That SHOULD be clear by now

Though Circumcision WAS Critical ...NOW ⁶ The only thing that counts is FAITH expressing itself thru LOVE. Then Paul uses TWO Metaphors ... Verses 7-12 Paul drives home CURSEDNESS RUNNING – who has Cut in Front of you? LEAVEN – a little Leaven taints the whole! Are we CLEAR on Circumcision? Just in case, Paul tells them what he thinks of **Kingdom Cutters & Checkers**



5:1-12 Circumcision?—then, Go All the Way! Paul gives his coup de grace ... NIV & ESV: ¹² As for those agitators, I wish they would go the whole way and emasculate themselves! The HCSB says "CASTRATE" KJV says, "cut off which trouble you." FEW see KJV use of "cut off" as "socially separated" MOST scholars see NIV, ESV, HCSB Castration Paul is NOT Playing with the **Cursed Kingdom Cutters & Checkers**



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5:13-15 Freed – Called to be Free ... Serve in LOVE Finally ... having disposed of False Gospel Not Law ... but Saved by Grace in FAITH ¹³ You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be FREE.

But do not use your freedom to indulge flesh; rather, serve one another

Humbly in LOVE

Serve one another

Humbly in LOVE

5:13-15 Freed – Called to be Free ... Serve in LOVE **To reinforce ... the LAW ... the highpoint** ¹⁴ For the ENTIRE LAW is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself. All downhill from here ... yet LOVE is TOPS Paul quotes Lev. 19:18 ... and Jesus Matt. 22:39, 40; Mark 12:31; Luke 10:27 Compare Matt. 7:12, 19:19; Rom. 13:8-10 Golden rule Two Commands and of course 1 Cor. 13



5:13-15 Freed – Called to be Free ... Serve in LOVE All downhill from here ... Paul wisely notes the obvious ¹⁵ If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other. Famous Baptist N.T. Professor A.T. Robertson* recalled: Well-known story of two snakes that grabbed each other by the tail and swallowed each other.

> * A.T. Robertson (1864-1934), *Robertson's Word Pictures* (7 vols, 1930), Vol. 4, 311. Professor of N.T. Southern Baptist Theological, 1888-1934.

5:16-18 Controlled – Walk in the Spirit ... Led by Spirit LOVE ... Love your neighbor as yourself So how do you Love your neighbor ... ? ¹⁶ So I say, walk by the SPIRIT, and you will not gratify the desires of the FLESH. ¹⁷ 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. Few things are easier to seen in OURSELVES



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5:16-18 Controlled – Walk in the Spirit ... Led by Spirit Walk by the Spirit ... while it Fights the Flesh Yet ... Paul notes the tipping point ... ¹⁸ But if you are led by the SPIRIT, you are not under the LAW. So now we KNOW Paul is clear ... Spirit confirms not only our Modesty ... Spirit confirms we have this fighting IMPULSE We WANT to LOVE our Neighbor But too often STRUGGLE to LOVE



5:19-21 Abandoned – Works of the Flesh The contrary forces ... Paul makes clear ¹⁹ The acts of the FLESH are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; **Greek for PORN** ²⁰ idolatry and witchcraft; < need help here? hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions ²¹ and envy; drunkenness, orgies & the LIKE. Several ways to look & categorize these ... Do NOT think these COMPREHENSIVE

5:19-21 Acts of Flesh sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions, envy drunkenness, orgies, & THE LIKE.

No sir, no ma'am ... NOT Comprehensive

Everyone knows what these are ... everyone

MEANING is any ONE or Combination in a

LIFESTYLE

In First Century Galatia ... or today—Do NOT Live the LIFE ... or the LIKE



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5:19-21 Abandoned – Works of the Flesh All those "works of FLESH" ... grouped ... Living any ONE or Combination ... Hear Ye ²¹ I warn you, as I did before, that those who LIVE LIKE THIS will NOT inherit the Kingdom of God. What? ... WHAT is this? ... no small issue Between Flesh and following Fruit of Spirit It is TOO EASY to simply divide them as in **Polar Opposites**



Between Flesh and following Fruit of Spirit Professor Hendrickson noted:

Christian religion resembles a narrow bridge over ... two polluted streams meet:

- 1. Legalism
- 2. Libertinism

believer must not lose his balance, lest he tumble into the refined (?) faults of Judaism ... or gross vices of paganism.

He must tread the SAFE and NARROW PATH.

FLESH – tends to BOTH

* William Hendrickson, *Testament Commentary—Galatians* (Baker, 1968; 260p.), 209. Professor of N.T. Calvin Theological Seminary, 1942-52. All caps mine.



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5:22-26 Produced – Fruit of the Spirit is LOVE, Joy ... **Once again ... notice ... NOT Comprehensive** ²² But the fruit of the SPIRIT is LOVE, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is NO LAW. Few words are more beautiful ... LOVE is all of those virtues and MORE Speaking of VIRTUES ... Paul has other LISTS MANY people for 1,000s of years have ...



Virtues ... Character Traits Speaking of VIRTUES ... Paul has other LISTS For my book, Character Counts, I put together a list of 31 LISTS When we went thru 1 Cor. 12 we examined in detail **Paul's Spiritual Gifts** many "virtues" are shared

U.S. Navy Core Values – 3

Honor - Courage - Commitment

Character-the Sum of Virtues, 30 Lists, by Michael G. Manese

Character—the Sum of Virtues, 31 Lists By Dr. Michael G. Maness This following lists were a part of the first version of Character Counts—Freemasonry is a National Treasure I.a. Sources of Our Fearmaters' Constitutional Ocioinal Inte

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Virtues ... Character Traits ...

Besides Paul's masterpiece in 1 Cor. 13

When we went thru 1 Cor. 12 we examined in detail <u>Spiritual Gifts</u>

How these of Paul have been scrutinized to the

Profit of ALL

| | CHAR_4. Paul's Spin | ritual Gifts | |
|--------------|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|--|
| | 1 Corinthians 12 and Roman 12 Combined | | |
| 1. Wisdom | 7. Discerning of Spirits | 13. Administration | |
| 2. Knowledge | 8. Tongues | 14. Leadership/Ruleth | |
| 3. Faith | 9. Interpretation Tongues | 15. Exhortation | |
| 4. Healing | 10. Apostleship | 16. Giving | |
| 5. Miracles | 11. Teaching | 17. Mercy | |
| 6. Prophecy | 12. Helping | 18. Love w/out Dissimulation ¹⁰ | |
| Add 1 C | orinthian 13-Faith, Hope, Lo | ve, and Love is the Greatest | |

CHAR_5. St. Paul's 20 Virtues

| 1. Love | 8. Forgiveness | 15. Hope |
|---------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|
| 2. Compassion | 9. Gratitutude | 16. Goodness |
| 3. Kindness | 10. Wisdom | 17. Faithfulness |
| 4. Humility | 11. Peace | 18. Self-Control |
| 5. Gentleness | 12. Righteousness | 19. Purity |
| 6. Patience | 13. Joy | 20. Understanding ¹¹ |
| 7. Tolerance | 14. Endurance | |



Character Counts.org ... 6 Pillars

Adopted in schools across the nation ...



CHAR_1. Character Counts' 6 Pillars for Ethical Decisions

Trustworthiness: Be honest • Be reliable — do what you say you'll do • Have the courage to do the right thing • Be loyal — stand by your family, friends and country Respect: Treat others with respect; follow the Golden Rule • Be tolerant of differences •

Use good manners, not ba threaten, hit or hurt anyon **Responsibility:** Do what yo

do your best • Use self-co consider the consequence Fairness: Play by the rules

Caring: Be kind, compassion needy

Teaching Virtue in Schoolothers • Don't
agreements
ng! • Always
act —GOODon to othersBut without GODs • Help

Citizenship: Cooperate, Get in community affairs • Stay informed; vote • Be a good neighbor • Obey laws and rules • Respect authority • Protect the environment⁴

| | Modern Masterpiece Peterson & Seligman's <i>Character Strengths and Virtues</i> (Oxford University Press, 2004; 799p.). Sets a new bar on researce | | CHAR_17. Peterson & Seligman's 6 Character Strengths & 24 Virtues Wisdom & Knowledge—strengths to acquire and use knowledge Creativity: Originality, Ingenuity Curiosity: Interest, Novelty-seeking, Openness to Experience Open-mindedness: Judgment, Critical Thinking: examining all sides, not jumping Love of Learning: ability to master new skills Perspective: Wisdom: ability to look at world in ways that make sense Courage—strengths of will to meet goals in opposition, external or internal |
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| 1 | | | Bravery: Valor: not shrinking from threat, challenge, difficulty, or pain; speaking up for what is right even in opposition; acting on convictions |
| Chara Stren and Vi | Z. Courade | | and ability to be sincere; responsible for one's own feelings and actions Vitality: Zest, Enthusiasm, Vigor, Energy: approaching life with excitement, not halfway; living life as an adventure; feeling alive Humanity—interpersonal strengths involve tending & befriending others Love: valuing close relations, especially those reciprocated; being close to people Kindness: Generosity, Nurturance, Care, Compassion, Altruistic Love, Niceness Social Intelligence: Emotional Intelligence, Personal Intelligence: aware of motives, feelings of others and self; knowing how to fit in and what makes others tick Justice—civic strengths that underlie healthy community life |
| HANDBOOK AND Christopher Martin E. P. | | 5. Temperance 6. Transcendence | Citizenship: Social Responsibility, Loyalty, Teamwork Fairness: treat all the same with justice, not letting feelings bias, fair chance 6. Transcendence—strengths connect to larger world & provi Appreciation of Beauty & Excellence: Awe, Wonder, Elevation Gratitude |
| Magnificent work | | | Hope: Optimism, Future-mindedness, Future Orientation: experimentation Working Humor: Playfulness: liking to laugh, bring smiles, seeing light Spirituality: Religiousness, Faith, Purpose: having coherent working having beliefs on meaning of life that shape conduct and pro- |

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William Bennett's magisterial The Book of Virtues: A Treasury of Great Moral Stories (NY: Simon & Schuster, 1993; 831p.).

sets down for posterity the greatest stories, fables, parables on VIRTUE

Bennett divides all into 10 sections

- 1. Self-Discipline
- 2. Compassion
- 3. Responsibility
- 4. Friendship
- 5. Work

- 6. Courage
- 7. Perseverance
- 8. Honesty
- 9. Loyalty

10. FAITH



A TREASURY OF GREAT MORAL STORIES

William

Bennett

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5:22-26 Produced – Fruit of the Spirit is LOVE, Joy ...
In an almost poetic fashion ... Paul closes
²⁴ Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.
²⁵ Since we live by the Spirit,

let us keep in step with the Spirit.

²⁶ Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.

Oh ... what LOVE is this?!?



Charles Spurgeon said on Gal. 5:22

That heavenly word, LOVE, has been trailed in the mire of unclean passion and filthy desire. The licentiousness, which comes of the

worship of Venus, has dared to take to itself a name which belongs only to the pure

worship of Jehovah.

In 1884 London, Spurgeon continued:

It is a wretched sign of the times that in these corrupt days, some have arisen who treat this crime as a slight offense

* "First Fruit of the Spirit," May 255, 1884 (#1782), all caps mine.





Charles H. Spurgeon by Alexander Melville (1834-1892)

Charles Spurgeon said on Gal. 5:22 and even attempt to provide for its safer indulgence by legislative enactments. Has it come to this? He said in 1884! Has the civil ruler become a panderer to the lusts of corrupt minds?

Before continuing ... Kohinoor

Priceless diamond among the



British Crown Jewels, 105.6 carats after 1852 recut One of the largest cut diamonds on the world *Kohinoor* – Persian for "Mountain of Light"

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Charles H. Spurgeon by Alexander Melville (1834-1892)

Charles Spurgeon CONTINUED on Gal. 5:22 **"The fruit of the Spirit is LOVE."** What a priceless Kohinoor this is! It is altogether incalculable in value. What a heavenly grace LOVE is! LOVE has its center in the heart, but its circumference sweeps, like omnipresence, around everything.... Our LOVE climbs to heaven, sits among the angels, and

anon bows among them in lowliest attitude,







Charles H. Spurgeon by Alexander Melville (1834-1892)

Charles Spurgeon said on Gal. 5:22

in due time our LOVE stoops down to earth, visits the haunts of depravity, cheers the garrets of poverty, and sanctifies the dens of blasphemy,

for it LOVES the LOST.

LOVE knows no outcast London....

LOVE hopes good for all, and plans good for all:

> while LOVE can soar to glory LOVE can descend to sorrow.

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