



Ashland Church of Christ 2006

Pressing Toward the Upward Call of God



“I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 3:14).

Light Over Darkness — Allegiance

The World

Text: Galatians 5:16-25

Key Text: *Galatians 5:16, “I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.”*

I. The flesh verses the Spirit (5:16-18).

A. It is one or the other; it is not both; it is not neither/nor.

1. Matthew 6:24, Luke 16:13.

2. Matthew 12:30, Luke 11:23.

B. The closer we get to God, the further we get from Satan and the world.

C. When one begins to walk in the Spirit, that person will cease to do the works of the flesh.

II. The works of the flesh (5:19-21).

A. Sins against purity:

1. Adultery.

2. Fornication.

3. Uncleaness.

4. Lewdness.

B. Atheism or irreligion:

1. Idolatry.
2. Sorcery.
- C. Sins of disposition:
 1. Hatred.
 2. Contentions.
 3. Jealousies.
 4. Outbursts or wrath.
 5. Selfish ambitions.
 6. Dissensions.
 7. Heresies.
 8. Envy.
- D. Sins of excess:
 1. Murders.
 2. Drunkenness.
 3. Revelries.
- E. And all others.

III. The fruit of the Spirit (5:20-25).

- A. Fruit — the product of something.
- B. The fruit of the Spirit:
 1. Love.
 2. Joy.
 3. Peace.
 4. Longsuffering.
 5. Kindness.
 6. Goodness.
 7. Faithfulness.
 8. Gentleness.
 9. Self-control.
- C. “Against such there is no law.”
- D. Notice the emphasis on self-control (5:24).
- E. Therefore, live like God wants you to live.