

## Galatians 5:16-21

### Let's Take a Long Walk, pt. 1

It's probably safe to say, as a fully devoted follower of Jesus, your Christian life is just one spiritual victory after another. Doubtful. We don't always want to serve others, extend love to others – deserving or not. Have you ever been tempted sin, even while attempting to live a godly life? Have you ever committed sins that were so very bad it made you think you weren't even a Christian?

The phrase “simul iustus et peccator” is a good one for us to know today. It means \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

#### I. The \_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_\_ vs 16-18

The Christian life is routinely described as a \_\_\_\_\_ or a \_\_\_\_\_ of life. Please note that the verb here is present tense, indicating a lifestyle. Aristotle utilized this approach in teaching, walking and instructing as he went. It was a \_\_\_\_\_ for spiritual progress. Is merely walking enough? Paul adds a prepositional phrase “in the \_\_\_\_\_.” The promise of walking in the Spirit is that we will be able not complete, fulfill the lusts/desires of the flesh. John

Calvin wrote that walking in the Spirit of God will cause not to allow our depravity to reign over us.

Romans 7 is probably the clearest picture of Paul's argument regarding the battle that is raging within us. A definite signal you are a child of God is this battle. If you no battle with sin in your life.....that's a problem. The apostle actually gives us a clear picture of two kinds of people in the following verses by detailing two kinds of conduct.

#### II. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ vs 19-21

The apostle Paul states in verse 19 that the works of the flesh are evident, manifest, open but not necessarily visible to all. The behaviors he mentions here are the kinds that unregenerate people routinely commit.

#### A. \_\_\_\_\_

These first term are routinely applied to sex outside of \_\_\_\_\_. The word pornography comes from this term. Paul then adds a term that is generally translated \_\_\_\_\_ but it means impurity, unnatural lusts. The last term, sensuality, refers to a lack of \_\_\_\_\_. There's a definite progression

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into depravity here. As a culture progresses it degrades a nation. It did that in the ancient world and it occurs today as well. Today, we have a flaunting of immorality in the culture. Romans 1.

B. \_\_\_\_\_

Paul's second category in our passage today is related to an improper view of Who God is.

\_\_\_\_\_ is finding our being in anything or anyone other than the One True God. \_\_\_\_\_ is the actual worship of what is \_\_\_\_\_. That word, sorcery, is the Greek word pharmakeia. Yes, it does resemble the word pharmacy. The word was attributed to illicit compounds that affected the body in various ways at that time. Thus, the word was associated with \_\_\_\_\_.

C. Behavioral

The last category is the largest of the three and refers to the breakdown in \_\_\_\_\_. It a series of words: Enmity is \_\_\_\_\_. Strife is simply rivalry or discord from a quarrelsome spirit. \_\_\_\_\_ is the wrong kind of zeal that led to \_\_\_\_\_ or rage filled outbursts coming from a bad temper.

Aristotle used this word to describe a dog that barks at a knock on the door before knowing it's a \_\_\_\_\_.

He continues with the word rivalries, a description of someone who wants to get ahead \_\_\_\_\_. Envy is when we are \_\_\_\_\_ when others \_\_\_\_\_. Socrates commented that the envious are pained by the successes of others.

The final two mentioned by Paul are sins of the body like those mentioned in the first category. Notice, the apostle states that drunkenness is used here. The Scripture doesn't condemn alcohol but it forbids drunkenness and it also forbids \_\_\_\_\_.

He then adds a solemn warning: Those who perform these acts will not \_\_\_\_\_. It's a frightening thought. However, Paul does use language that describes \_\_\_\_\_ action. He is referring to those whose lives are \_\_\_\_\_ by these sins.

Thomas Watson (1620-1686) "Saving Faith lives in a broken heart. It always grows in a heart humbled by sin in a weeping eye and a tearful conscience."