

**Sermon Notes**

**Providence Community Church**

7-6-19 Ken Carlton

**Title: FLESH CONTRA SPIRIT**

**Main Text:** Galatians 5:13-26

**Aim:** TO HIGHLIGHT THE POWER OF THE WORK OF CHRIST THROUGH THE INDWELLING SPIRIT.

**Sermon Description:** Having thoroughly condemned the theological error which animated the Judaizers, (Namely requirements of the law as a prerequisite for salvation) The Apostle turns his attention to another prevalent error: that of Licentiousness (acting lawlessly with antinomian disregard for holiness as if your status grants you license to pursue your worst desires). Gal 5:1 provides a helpful conceptual theme to organize Paul's thoughts in this regard, he has said: "For freedom Christ has set us free, stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery". The 2<sup>nd</sup> portion of chapter 5 warns of other 'yokes of slavery'. While men are easily ensnared by arbitrary standards of piety and pursue works as a means of atonement Paul addresses a yoke of a different type here: the works of the flesh. In so doing, Paul extends a larger structural theme of his epistle to the Galatians – that of pointed contrasts. As commentators have noted: this distinction between Spirit and flesh joins the list he has compiled to this point including: True Gospel vs. false Gospel, faith vs. works, law vs. grace, liberty vs. legalism, and sonship vs. salvation...

**Heading: THE ROLE OF THE SPIRIT IN THE LIFE OF THE BELIEVER EMPHASIZING...**

**1. THE SPIRIT OF THE LAW** (Gal 5:13-15)

- a. Perennial errors
- b. Sum of the law (Lev 19:18)
- c. 3<sup>rd</sup> use of the law

**2. SPIRIT/FLESH ANTITHESIS** (5:16-18)

- a. Flesh defined
- b. The Holy Spirit
- c. True liberty

**3. WORKS OF THE FLESH** (5:19-21)

- a. Categories and consequences
- b. Applications
- c. Civilization and the Spirit

**4. FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT** (5:22-26)

- a. Works vs. fruit
- b. Conquering characteristics
- c. Pentecost difference (Jn 16:7-11)

**FAMILY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:
Spirit of Law	Spirit vs. flesh	Works of flesh	Fruit of Spirit	Pentecost	Next week
Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:
Gal 5:13-15	16-18	19-21	22-26	Jn 16:7-11	Pastor Joe Reed