

Sermon Notes

Keep in Step with the Spirit

Galatians 5:13-26

Intro: You say I'm free... so why does Christian living feel like a battle?

So far: **You are full, free heirs of God**

(Curse cancelled! Adoption secured! Holy Spirit given!)

→ So don't lose your freedom: through "Jesus plus" (5:1...)

→ So don't abuse your freedom: use it to love (5:13...)

Today's Big Command: **Keep in step with the Spirit!** (5v16;5v25)

Q: But why do we need to be told?

(Given Galatians 4:6? Given Ezekiel 36:22-27?)

1. Christians, realise you're currently in a tug of war! (5:16-18)

Holy Spirit within vs Sinful Nature ("flesh")

2. So choose wisely! (5:19-23)

Spirit's Christ-like fruit vs Destructive Fleshly works

3. Remembering your true identity! (5:24-25)

New Spirit-raised me vs Old me crucified with Christ

Three example case studies:

- Sexual purity
- Drunkenness
- Envy, Jealousy, Strife