

I. Satan's Snare: Sinful Pleasure

A. Caution (13-15, 26)

- 1. Freedom in Christ is not freedom to seek sinful pleasures**
 - a) Legalism/Judaizers**
 - b) Antinomianism/Gentiles**
- 2. Freedom in Christ is meant to be shown through love**
 - a) For God**
 - b) For others**
 - c) For ourselves**

B. Command (16, 25)

- 1. Follow the Spirit**
 - a) Dependence**
 - (1) Illumination**
 - (2) Empowerment**
 - (3) Conviction**
 - (4) Change our desires**
 - b) Obedience**
 - (1) Pray**
 - (2) Study**
 - (3) Surrender**
 - (4) Do**
- 2. Flesh beater not flagellation**

C. Conflict (17)

- 1. The flesh and the Spirit are at war with one another**
 - a) Rom. 8:5-8**
 - b) Rom. 7:15-20**

D. Contrast (19-22)

- 1. Sexual Immorality, Moral Impurity, Promiscuity // Goodness (moral & spiritual excellence)**
- 2. Idolatry, Sorcery // Faithfulness**
- 3. Hatreds, Strife // Love**
- 4. Jealousy, Envy // Joy**
- 5. Outbursts of Anger // Patience**
- 6. Selfish Ambitions // Kindness, Gentleness (meekness)**
- 7. Dissensions, Factions // Peace**
- 8. Drunkenness, Carousing // Self-Control**

E. Crucify (24)

- 1. Our desire for sinful pleasure must be crucified daily**
 - a) Even moment to moment**

F. Certainty (Gal. 6:7-8)

- 1. You won't fool God**
- 2. You will reap what you sow**
 - a) Flesh = Corruption**
 - b) Spirit = Eternal life**

Jesus died so that we may be free. That freedom is not a call to fulfill sinful pleasures. While we have the promise of forgiveness if we confess and repent we should not exploit God's mercy. And while God's grace is magnified by his forgiveness for us, we are not to continue in sin so that his grace may abound (Rom. 6:1-2).

Just like everything else Satan touches, our Christ bought freedom can be corrupted by the Devil's temptations. He wants us to abuse our freedom in and through Christ. If he is successful, we harm the cause of Christ. Instead of bearing the fruit of the Spirit, we produce the fruits of the flesh.

There are two keys to victory that we have discussed today. Will you continually crucify the old sinful flesh and its evil passions and desires? Will you commit to living in the Spirit not the flesh? Will you depend upon Him and obey Him?