**LIVE BY THE SPIRIT**

Galatians 5:1-26

Key Verse 5:16 “So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature.”

1. What are the warnings Paul gives to those who wanted to be circumcised (1-4)? How does living by faith make us different from those trying to observe the law? (5-6) In what ways do people today fall into the pit of legalism?

2. How important is it to discern the false teaching? (7-9) What is “the offense of the cross”? (1Corinthians 1:23) Why should it still be our message, even if we are persecuted?

3. How might the Galatians have misunderstood their new freedom in Christ (13a)? How instead should we use our freedom? (6b,13b)

4. Even after receiving the Spirit, we still have a sinful nature. What spiritual battle rages within us? (16-17) What should we do in order to continue to live in freedom? (16a) What does it mean practically to live by the Spirit?

5. How do the acts of the sinful nature affect the Christian community? Think about each of the fruit of the Spirit. How does this fruit reflect the character of Jesus and transcend the law? (23b)

6. What characterizes those who belong to Christ? (24-26) What does it mean to “keep in step with” the Spirit? (25)