**WALK BY THE SPIRIT**

Galatians 5:1-26

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

1. What are the warnings Paul gives to those who wanted to be circumcised (1-4)? Why does Christ have no value if we try to be justified by the law? (4)

2. What is “the offense of the cross”? (11; 1 Corinthians 1:23) In what sense does preaching circumcision abolish the offense of the cross?

3. How might the Galatians have misunderstood their new freedom in Christ (13a)? How instead should we use our freedom? (13b-14)

4. What spiritual battle rages within us? (16-17; “flesh” refers to the sinful state of human beings, often presented as a power in opposition to the Spirit.) What does it mean practically to walk by the Spirit? (cf. John 14:15-16, Colossians 3:15-17)

5. How do the acts of the flesh affect the Christian community? (19-21) How does the fruit of the Spirit demonstrate the Christ-like character being formed in us? (22-23)

6. What does it mean to “have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires”? (24; Romans 8:13) What does it mean to “keep in step with” the Spirit? (25)