

S.O.H.L. (12/27/10)

WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

Pronounced "Soul"

These Negative Habits Have Got To Stop!

GALATIANS 5:16 NKJV - (16) I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

If it be our care to act under the guidance and power of the blessed Spirit, though we may not be freed from the stirrings and oppositions of the corrupt nature which remains in us, *it shall not have control over us*. Believers are engaged in a conflict, in which they earnestly desire that grace may obtain full and speedy victory. And those who desire thus to give themselves up to be *led by the Holy Spirit*, are not under the act (law) as a covenant of works, nor exposed to its awful curse.

Christian's *hatred of sin*, and *desires after holiness*, shows that they have a part in the salvation of the gospel. The works of the flesh are many and manifest. **And these sins will shut men out of heaven.** Yet what numbers, calling themselves Christians, live in these, and say they hope for heaven! The fruits of the Spirit plainly show that such are led by the Spirit.

Paul (further in **Galatians 5**) describes the works of the flesh and fruits of the Spirit. He tells us what to avoid and oppose, and what we are to cherish and cultivate; and this is the sincere care and attempt of all real Christians. Sin does not now reign in their mortal bodies, so that they obey it, **Romans 6:12**, for they seek to destroy it. Christ never will own those who yield themselves up to be the servants of sin. And it is not enough that we cease to do evil, but we must learn to do well. Our conversation will always be answerable to the principle which guides and governs us, **Romans 8:5**. We must set ourselves in deep to humiliate the deeds of the body, and to walk in newness of life. Not wishing for of vain-glory, or unduly wishing for the esteem and applause of men, not provoking or envying one another, but seeking to bring forth more abundantly those good fruits, which are, through Jesus Christ, to the praise and glory of God.

To my brothers and sisters in the faith, do not begin another year or day with the wrong mind set. This meditation is absolutely not a New Years resolution, but instead a choice we must make within ourselves for correct living as Christians. Christians are followers of Christ. We cannot live our lives any kind of way and claim to be Christians. **Carnality** (fleshly) is darkness not light! Many will say it's alright to be carnal. Many will live carnal knowing God opposes of such a life style! Christ has done His part and His word instructs us on **how** to do ours. It is our choice, for He has already spoken.

SCRIPTURE
JEREMIAH 4:4

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK
Let your resolution be His solution.

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