<u>Series</u>: Free In Christ <u>Title</u>: Free to Choose <u>Text</u>: (Gal 5:16-25)

We have a Choice: (Vs 16) Paul references several times in his epistles (Rom 7:15-25)(I Cor 3:1-4)(Eph 4:22-24)(Col 3:5-15)

The Reason we have a Choice: (Vs 17) The Holy Spirit Indwells us: (1 Cor 6:19)

The key is to walk in the Spirit.

A Daily Determination to live in Our New Nature. Continual exposure to the Word of God, Filled with the Holy Spirit through Surrender. Crucifixion of the flesh. (We Will talk about this later)

Choosing to Surrender to the Spirit: (Vs 18)

Being IN the Flesh & Walking AFTER the Flesh (Romans 8:1-10)

The Works of the flesh are 'Manifest': (Vs 19-21)

Two Thoughts to Consider:

1. Christians Lose their heavenly "inheritance"/Reward

2. <u>This is Typical of the UnSaved</u>: (1 Cor 6:9-10) B/c it is IN Them to do (Vs 19-21) (Matt 7:16-20) B/c it is NOT IN Them to do (Vs 22-23)

Stop Wishing & Hoping they are saved,

(1 Cor 6:11) *Gives us hope!*(Gal 5:20-21) (BAD FLESH)
(Gal 5:22-23) (RIGHTEOUS FLESH)
(Gal 3:1) Bewitched by a (GOOD FLESH)
(2 Cor 11:14-15) Satan appears as an angel of light.
(Good Flesh vs. Righteous Flesh)

(Vs 22) "BUT" In contrast to (Vs 19-21)
(Vs 23) "No Law"
<u>The Fruits of the Spirit</u>: (Gal 5:22-23)
Discern the difference between ...
Righteous responses under the influence of the Holy Spirit, - and Self-Righteous responses under the influence of the flesh.

Transforming: Love, Joy, & Peace

Conforming: Longsuffering, Gentleness, & Goodness

Reforming: Faith, Meekness, & Temperance

The Choice is Ours: (Vs 25)

What did you choose Today? What did you Choose Yesterday? What will you choose Tomorrow?

Read Gal 5 this week, ask God to start opening your understanding to these as we will study them next week.