

Discussion & Reflection Questions

Kaleidoscope of Grace - Week 2 (26th of June 2022)

Read: Galatians 5.1, 5.13-25

(For extra blessings read (Galatians 4 & Galatians 5:2-12))

¹ For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. ¹³ For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. ¹⁴ For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' ¹⁵ If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. ¹⁶ Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²² By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

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1. How have you experienced grace in the past week (either received grace or given grace)?
2. In verse 1, what do you think freedom means? Does it mean we can do whatever we want?
3. Why do you think grace would be seen as risky?
4. In verse 16, what do you think living by the spirit means?
5. Verses 19-21 is a pretty ominous list. What do you do with a list like this in a practical sense?
6. Verses 22-23 are the most well known part of this passage (perhaps in the whole of Galatians). What fruits of the spirit have others seen in you? What fruit do you think is your greatest strength? What fruit could you use more of at the moment?

Prayer

O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to suffer death upon a cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of the enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**