

SET FREE TO TRANSFORM Galatians 5:1, 13-22; 2 Corinthians 3:7-18

“Transformed people transform people.”

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It's the Spirit that makes the difference

(Galatians 5:13-23; Jeremiah 17:5-8)

Walking in the Spirit – we don't let personal fear, desires, advantage or pride override our commitment to God.

Being led by the Spirit, not the law – we respond to the Spirit's promptings with a desire to do as he directs.

Keeping in step with the Spirit – We consistently follow building positive, reflexive spiritual habits.

Whether we are walking in the Spirit or in the flesh can be summed up in three words: trust, confidence and strength.

According to Jeremiah 17:7-8, what does it look like when a life is dedicated to one who trusts the Lord? Bring in the fruit of the Spirit in Galatians 5:22-23.

3. Describe a “heat wave” or a “drought” in your life, presently or in the past. What aspect of the fruit of the Spirit (Gal 5:22-23) was or could have been most meaningful to you? Why?
4. 2 Corinthians 3:17-18 speaks of the freedom of being transformed. Where have you seen God's ever-increasing glory in your life? How has that had an effect on others around you?

Prayer Requests

Transformational living comes by the Spirit

(2 Corinthians 3:12-18)

The Story (Exodus 34:29-35)

Seeing God's glory was not meant to bring fear, it was meant to bring life.

Walking in the flesh clouds our view of God and distorts the view that others have of God through us.

When we walk in the Spirit the veil finally comes off.

We can see who he really is.

We can be transformed into his image.

We can experience his glory as we grow in him.

We can as transformed people transform others in a new way of life.

Getting to know you

On Sunday Jim talked about the fruit of the Spirit and its effect on transforming the lives of others around us. Think about what's your favorite fruit? What is the most unusual or exotic fruit you've eaten?

Getting to know you

1. Read Galatians 5:16; Romans 8:5; Jeremiah 17:5, 7.
What do these passages say about what it means walk in the flesh?

What do you think the word flesh means?

What do these same passages say about what it means to walk by the Spirit?

2. According to Jeremiah 17:5-6, what does a life lived dedicated to the flesh look like. Try to speak in very real terms of what it looks like in 2017.