



Main Point: Live your Christian life with the Spirit

1. Spiritual Warfare
2. Works of the Flesh
3. Eternal Consequences

#1:

1 Peter 2:11

Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul.

#2:

“(Indwelling sin) is not only said to be “enmity,” but it is said to be “enmity against God.” It has chosen a great enemy indeed. It is in sundry places proposed as our enemy...1 Peter 2:11, “Abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;” they are enemies to the soul, that is to ourselves. Sometimes as an enemy to the Spirit that is in us: “The flesh lusts” or fights “against the Spirit,” Gal. 5:17. It fights against the Spirit...to conquer it; it fights against our souls, and against the principle of grace that is in us; but its proper formal object is God: it is “enmity against God.”

John Owen

Overcoming Sin & Temptation

#3:

Romans 7:21-25

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.



#4:

Psalms 18:3-9

I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised,
and I am saved from my enemies.
The cords of death encompassed me;
the torrents of destruction assailed me;
the cords of Sheol entangled me;
the snares of death confronted me.
In my distress I called upon the Lord;
to my God I cried for help.
From his temple he heard my voice,
and my cry to him reached his ears.
Then the earth reeled and rocked;
the foundations also of the mountains trembled
and quaked, because he was angry.
Smoke went up from his nostrils,
and devouring fire from his mouth;
glowing coals flamed forth from him.
He bowed the heavens and came down;
thick darkness was under his feet.

#5:

“With regard to the kinds of desires that make conflict within the Galatian communities possible, the law has absolutely no power whatever. Therefore, the Spirit is sufficient for life over against the flesh, precisely because of who he is: The Spirit of the Father and the Son (Galatians 4:6). Thus, the Spirit can bring about what the law could not, namely, the right “desires” regarding others in the believing community.”

Gordon Fee
Galatians

#6:

Galatians 6:8

For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.



#7:

“Righteousness by faith instead of works of law must not lead to a life of sin. Those who are justified by God’s grace are also empowered by the Spirit to live in a new way. If the works of the flesh dominate, then no eschatological reward will be received. Good works are not the basis of justification, but they are most certainly, though still imperfect and partial, a consequence of justification.”

Thomas Schreiner

Galatians: Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament

#8:

2 Corinthians 13:5

Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you fail to meet the test!

#9:

James 2:24

You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone.