

**Freedom in Christ from Sin**

Paul continues with the practical aspects of the truth that our salvation is by grace through faith alone. Last week we saw the freedom we can enjoy from the flesh or sin nature. So that we have a clear understanding of the sins of flesh that we would not be deceived in the conflict with it, Paul gives us a sin list. There are several listings of sins in the New Testament, that we might be informed and be able to test our actions. (*Mark 7:20-23; Romans. 1:29-31; 1 Cor 6:9-10; Eph 5:3-5; Col 3:5-9; 2 Tim 3:2-4; Rev. 21:6-9*)

We must ask ourselves, are we walking in the flesh or the spirit? Before we review the list Paul gives, let us read the verses before it. Galatians 5:13-18 \_\_\_\_\_

These definitions were compiled through various reliable sources including Vine's Expository dictionary of NT Words, Miriam Websters Online Dictionary, Microsoft CoPilot AI and GROK 3.

Galatians 5:19-21

1. **Sexual Immorality.** In God's eyes, any sexual activity outside the marriage covenant of one biological man and one biological woman. This would include adultery, fornication, homosexuality, lesbianism. These activities were and are often associated with pagan idol worship. 1 Corinthians 6:12-13, 18-20  
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2. **Impurity.** Lustful, luxurious, profligate (wasteful, extravagant living), a constant lust and desire for things. Luke 12:13-21; 1 John 2:15-17. Revelation 18:1-3  
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3. **Debauchery.** Wantonness, lacking restraint in sensual pleasures, promiscuous and unprincipled in sexual matters. Base utterance (morally low), filthy conversation, shamelessness, indecent bodily movements. (Ephesians 5:1-7)  
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4. **Idolatry.** Worship of false God's including the vices associated with it. The sins of the mind against God. (2 Corinthians 6:14-18)  
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5. **Witchcraft.** GREEK *pharmakia*. *The use of medicine, drugs, spells, sorcery with appeals to occult powers. Linked closely with idolatry. In ancient cultures, drugs were used to manipulate spiritual forces, deceive people or engage in idol worship. Revelation 21:6-8*  
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6. **Hatred.** Active opposition or hostility to someone or something. The opposite of love.  
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7. **Discord.** Contentiousness, strife, wrangling, quarreling. \_\_\_\_\_

8. **Jealousy.** Envious or contentious rivalry. \_\_\_\_\_
9. **Fits of rage.** Hot anger, wrath. to be inflamed.  
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10. **Selfish ambition.** Partisanship, desire to put oneself forward. Seeking to win followers. To be factitious (which means to falsely create a situation in order to deceive others, often for sympathy or attention. (James 3:13-18)  
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11. **Dissensions.** Divisiveness. This is severely thought of because of its close relationship with the devil who desires to create conflict. Titus 3:10,11  
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12. **Factions.** Self-willed opinions are substituted for the truth. It is the perversion of truth. Opinions are based upon personal preference or the prospect of advantage.  
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13. **Envy.** Displeasure brought about by someone else's success or prosperity. 1 Cor. 13:4; James 3:13-16; Proverbs 14:30.  
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14. **Drunkennes.** Habitual intoxication. To fall under the influence of. Ephesians 5:18  
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15. **Orgies, and the like.** Unrestrained carousing, partying, wild behavior and revelry. Parades to honor the false god Bacchus (Roman) or Dionysius (One of the Greek Olympian gods). He is a false god of fertility, wine, ritual ecstasy, and theater. He is the god of joy and liberation but also chaos and destruction.  
You may recall at last year's Paris Olympics parade and the mockery of the Leonardo DaVinci's *Last Supper* painting where an actor and drag queens portrayed Dionysius in the place of Christ and the drag queens in the place of the disciples. Gay pride parades and similar events would fall into this category. 1 Peter 4:1-5,7  
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In verse 21 we receive a blanket warning about all of these behaviors. Those who live in such ways will not inherit the kingdom of God. All of this must be repented of by those who profess faith in Christ. 1 Peter 4:1-5  
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