“Those Who Belong to Christ Jesus” Pt. 1

Intro: In the course of our teaching through the Book of Galatians, and then especially in these last few weeks, we have studied some very profound verses of Scripture that are pivotal to the understanding of how we are to rightly and victoriously _________ the _________ of this letter (that it is by grace that we are justified through faith in Christ), to the daily practices of our lives.

A. Having commanded us to walk by the Spirit (5:16) so as not to carry out the lusts of the _________, Paul here presents a list of the deeds of the flesh whereby we can readily know if we are in fact exercising our freedom, standing firm in it, or if we are being subject again to a yoke of _________.

B. We can easily categorize the individual vices into groups. The first three: immorality, impurity and sensuality war against the believer’s _________ as these pertain to violations of God’s holy desire for our sexual morality. The next two: idolatry and sorcery war against the believer’s freedom as these pertain to _________ of God’s holy desire for our religious purity. The next eight: enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, and envying war against the believer’s freedom as these pertain to violations of God’s _________ _________ for our brotherly love. The last two: drunkenness and carousing war against the believer’s freedom as these pertain to violations of God’s holy desire for our self-control. No matter how one groups these _________ the _________ they are most certainly, without exception, all violations of the character and person of God.

I. The deeds (________, acts, manifestations) of the flesh (that sin nature within each of us that sets its desires _________ the _________), are evident.

A. The first sexual deed of the flesh that Paul lists is _________.

1. Whatever is a _________ from God’s intention in creating mankind as sexual beings is an immoral and thus _________ act of the flesh.

2. 1 Cor 6:13 & 18, “... the body is not for immorality, but for the Lord; and the Lord is for the body. ... 18 _________ immorality. Every other sin that a man commits is outside the body, but the _________ man sins against his own body.”

B. The second sexual deed of the flesh that Paul lists is _________.

1. Impurity refers to any and all sexual _________.

2. Ephesians 5:3-4, “But do not let immorality or any impurity or greed even be named among you, as is proper among saints; 4 and there must be _________ and silly talk, or coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks. 5 For this you know with certainty, that no immoral or impure person or covetous man, who is an idolater, has an inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.”
C. The third sexual deed of the flesh that Paul lists is ______________.

1. Sensuality has to do with a sexual ________ of restraint, a giving into excess, a refusing to be self-__________ which is reflected in the persons demeanor and dress.

2. Ephesians 4:17-19, “This I say therefore, and affirm together with the Lord, that you walk no longer just as the Gentiles also walk, in the futility of their mind, 18 being darkened in their understanding, excluded from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the hardness of their heart; 19 and they, having become callous, have __________ themselves __________ to sensuality, for the practice of every kind of impurity with greediness.”

D. The first religious deed of the flesh that Paul lists is ______________.

1. William Hendriksen wrote saying that idolatry consists of “the __________ of anything at all for the adoration of ______ who has revealed himself in Jesus Christ.” Amen! Church, whenever one sets anything before God, they are become an idolater.

2. “Therefore consider the members of your earthly body as dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which amounts to __________. 6 For it is on account of these things that the _______ of God will come,” (Col. 3:5-6).

E. The second religious deed of the flesh that Paul lists is ______________.

1. Zodhiates writes, “Pharmakeia means the occult, sorcery, __________, illicit pharmaceuticals, trance, magical incantation with ________...”

Closing: Those who __________ to Christ Jesus do not gratify the desires of the flesh, but they ________ by the Spirit.

The deeds of the flesh such as those manifested through such sinful activity as immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, and sorcery all ______ ________ the Holy Spirit of God who resides in us, and they also war against us as we strive to stand in and exercise our Christian Liberty. Church, we must stand in our Blood-bought Freedom or we will buckle to the desires of the flesh, and how then will we, through love, serve one another?

This is the question before each one of us: _________ standing in your freedom or are you being subject again to a yoke of slavery? Let us forsake our enslaving sin! If you are involved in such sin then accept responsibility and repent of it by turning to God. And then, _________ your new found Spiritual Freedom by walking by the _________, refusing to gratify the desires of the flesh, and through _________ serve one another!

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