

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
Date: June 4, 2023
Galatians 5:13-26

1. What were we talking about in last week's Bible Study in chapters 4 and 5?
 - a. Hagar and Sarah, Ishmael and Isaac.
 - b. The promise and power of God versus what we can do in our own strength.
 - c. The slavery of the past versus the freedom we have in Christ.

2. What caution does Paul give us, in verse 13, about our freedom that he has spent this whole book advocating?
 - a. No cautions; just let loose!
 - b. You were called to be free, but do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh.

3. What does verse 13 say we should do instead? _____

4. What does verse 14 say about the command to love? _____

5. Can we follow rules without love? Yes _____ No _____ Explain. _____

6. Can we love without living our lives differently; to care for the one/ones we love? Yes _____
No _____ Explain. _____

7. Can we fulfill the desires of the flesh and still gratify the Spirit, according verse 17? Yes _____
No _____ Explain. _____

8. What does this text mean by "the flesh", according to verses 19-21?
 - a. The things that bring us pleasure.
 - b. Our natural selfish desires which are contrary to pleasing God and caring for others.
 - c. That part of us that, if given its way, will be full of "sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like.

9. What does it look like if the Spirit has his way in our life, according to verses 22-23? _____

10. Are verses 19-23 another set of laws for us to abide by?
 - a. Yes, there are some terribly wrong things here and we need to discipline ourselves so that we don't do them.
 - b. Yes, there are some really great things that we ought to work really hard to make a part of our lives.
 - c. No, it says that if we walk by the Spirit we "will not gratify the desires of the flesh". It doesn't say that we should not. It isn't a restriction, it is a promise.
 - d. No, when we put to death, once and for all, the part of us that wants its own way and lives for its own pleasure, we begin to display the fruit of the Spirit naturally and the acts of the flesh are no longer a part of our life.

11. What fruit do people see when they look at your life? Are you keeping in step with the Spirit?
