

Sunday Service ~ August 31, 2025

Service for Swansea & Charlestown Presbyterian Church

Welcome & Prayer

*The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.
Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.
They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them.
Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.
In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun. (Psalm 19)*

Almighty God, you are a God who made all things, for the benefit of your glory. In the beginning you made the world around us, and made us to have a special place within your creation. "You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being."

Lord, we live in a world where there are many distractions that draw us away from worshipping You. Thank you that even though we are disobedient you continue to love us as your children and continue to show us your mercy. We give you thanks and praise that because of your grace you have redeemed us and displayed a love to us that we cannot earn, and that is not deserved. We give you thanks that through Christ's obedience, and His death on the cross, that the price for sin has been paid – once, for all so that what was once unclean can be made clean. Thank you, Lord, that through the resurrection of Christ and his defeat over death, we can be confident that those who place their faith in Jesus will also be raised to eternal life with You. Father God, we pray that as we continue to study your word in the bible today that we will have soft, teachable hearts that yearn to learn how you would have us live as your people. In Christ's name we pray, Amen

Song – Come People of the Risen King

[Come People of the Risen King \(with lyrics\) - Keith & Kristyn Getty - YouTube](#)

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| <p>1. Come, people of the Risen King
Who delight to bring Him praise
Come all and tune your hearts to sing
To the Morning Star of grace
From the shifting shadows of the earth
We will lift our eyes to Him
Where steady arms of mercy reach
To gather children in</p> | <p>3. Come, young and old from every land
Men and women of the faith
Come, those with full or empty hands
Find the riches of His grace
Over all the world, His people sing
Shore to shore we hear them call
The Truth that cries through every age:
"Our God is all in all"!</p> |
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Chorus

*Rejoice, rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice!*

2. Come, those whose joy is morning sun
And those weeping through the night
Come, those who tell of battles won
And those struggling in the fight
For His perfect love will never change
And His mercies never cease
But follow us through all our days
With the certain hope of peace

Bible Reading – Galatians 5:13-26 (NIV)

You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. 14 For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbour as yourself." 15 If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other. 16 So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. 17 For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. 19 The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; 20 idolatry & witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions 21 and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. 24 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. 26 Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.

Announcements

Focus for Month: Worship. We have been talking about worship all month but now is the time for action. What can you do to worship the Lord more often? Do you desire to meet with God's people as often as possible? Will you include moments in your days where you worship the Lord? How often do you desire to pray, sing, read God's word each week? And what's stopping you from worshipping the Lord more?

New City Catechism: Question 36. What do we believe about the Holy Spirit? That he is God, coeternal with the Father and the Son, and that God grants him irrevocably to all who believe. **Bible Passage:** John 14:16-17 *And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.*

Recharge Men's Conference. We are looking forward to exploring 'The Church' with our speaker Roger Burgess on Saturday 13th September. This means, reminding ourselves of the community that leads us to "deep gems of joy, peace, and purpose that are unknown in the world." Location: Grace Evangelical Church. 7:30-1pm (this year breakfast will be part of the price not lunch!) Early Bird \$40 (Ends 23/8) Under 25, \$20.

Sunday @ 6 Invitation Service – TONIGHT. Is there someone you know who you would like to hear the gospel? A family member or a friend or work colleague that currently doesn't know Jesus (or is not walking with Jesus)? Then why not invite them along in two weeks' time as we will be inviting all those who were involved in Church soccer to our evening service and it would be a great time to invite your friends and family along as well.

Next AM Sermon Series: Godliness Is...

7.9	For the whole of life	Colossians 3:1-17
14.9	The result of suffering	James 1:2-12
21.9	Its goal is eternity	2 Peter 3:10-14

The Christian Health Professionals Network would like to invite all healthcare workers and support staff (admin/ pastors) to their annual prayer meeting at Belair Baptist Church (130 Garden Grove Parade, Adamstown) on Saturday 13th of September, 7:45am-10am followed by morning tea. For more details or register go to <https://chpn.com.au/events/>.

Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child is on again this year. Boxes-\$1 and Starter Packs- \$8.50 available each week at the end of the service. Please note Postage and Handling payment (\$12.50) is to be done online at OCC or included in your box. Please contact Kathryn O'Callaghan for more information- 0424428722. Last week for collection will be Sunday 28th September.

Meals roster: Elise Sardjono is our new meals coordinator, so if you would like to join the meals team or if you need a meal please Contact Elise on et_21@hotmail.com or phone 0468 896 724. We cook & deliver meals to church members after a new baby or if people are unwell. Can you help?

Pastoral Prayer

Pray for Bhutan. (Population 792,000, Christians 18,800). Christians are restricted in participating in everyday life. Pray for believers in Bhutan to be able to meet together (Hebrews 10:25). Ask God to protect and preserve believers who have converted from Buddhism. Pray for Christians who are denied citizenship and other civic rights.

Pray for Phoebe Baldwin (QuizWorx). Pray for our teams both in NSW and Queensland as we prepare for Supporter's Night and Christmas season, for energy, health and productivity so we can get all we need prepared well. Pray for my upcoming Holiday Kids Club in Anna Bay. Praise God that both my Outback and Albury tours went really well. Thank God for the new experiences I had and that both teams (especially for Outback tour) were able to manage these new situations well.

Pray for Peace in Palestine. Sovereign Lord, you are the Prince of Peace, and we cry out for your mercy upon both Israelis and Palestinians, that violence would cease and justice would roll down like waters. We pray that many would turn from hatred and fear to the hope of the gospel, finding true reconciliation in Christ who breaks down the dividing wall of hostility. Establish your church as a light in the land, pointing to the peace that only Jesus can give.

Pray that we might serve each well as a Church. Thank you, Lord, for the large number of people who serve us each week at Church – from the upfront tasks to the behind the scene's acts of love. Strengthen our willing helpers to be able to continue to serve in this way. Raise up for us more people who will find their own avenue of service so that we might care for each other even more. Help us all to step out in faith and to find encouragement in our faith as we put others before ourselves.

Song – O Breathe of Life [O Breath Of Life \(Acoustic Song Leading Video\) // Emu Music - YouTube](#)

1. O Breath of life, come sweeping through
us,
Revive Your church with life and power.
O Breath of life, come, cleanse, renew us,
And fit Your church to meet this hour.

Chorus: O Breath of love, come breathe
within,
Renewing thought and will and heart;
Come, Love of Christ, afresh to win,
Revive Your church in every part.

2. O Wind of God, come bend us, break us,
Till humbly we confess our need;
Then in Your tenderness remake us,
Revive, restore, for this we plead.

Chorus

3. Revive us, Lord! Is zeal abating
While harvest fields are vast and ripe?
Revive us, Lord, the world is waiting,
Equip Your church to spread the light.

Chorus

Bible Reading – Ephesians 2:1-10 (NIV)

"As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, ² in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. ³ All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. ⁴ But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵ made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. ⁶ And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, ⁷ in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— ⁹ not by works, so that no

one can boast. ¹⁰ For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

Sermon – Godliness is empowered by the Spirit! (Stephen T)

On-line service link: <https://www.charlestownpresbyterian.org.au/morningsermons/godliness-is-empowered-by-the-spirit-galatians-5/>

A few weeks ago, I got to speak at the Parkes Presbyterian Church Camp. The night before I spoke, Kaylene and I had dinner with the Presbyterian minister & his family. Craig & his wife Sonia have recently built a house on a 1-acre property just a few minutes outside of Parkes. And as we were being shown around, I could see Kaylene's eyes grow bigger and bigger. For that is the sort of place and lifestyle that she would love us to have when we retire.

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But it made me think about what it would be like to buy a house like that, sometime in the future. You would look at it and its situation and it might look almost perfect. But what if after you purchased it you found out there were white ants in the woodwork, and snakes in the grass at the end of the property. Birds often came and attacked the fruit trees. And the weeds could so easily take over everything, couldn't they?

Well, that might be a good picture of the Christian life. For when you become a believer it is like you move from a tent into a house, a magnificent house. Built for us by God himself. And it might look perfect but it isn't, at least not in this life. For many of the things that have plagued your life up until you became a Christian, what Paul calls the flesh, comes with you when you make the move. Your sins and vices and bad habits don't just go away when you become a believer. Instead like the weeds, the snakes and the white ants in my opening illustration they move in as well. And so there becomes this battle between the flesh and the Spirit. Between your old life and the life that God wants you to have into the future.

That's what the apostle Paul writes about in Galatians 5. Last week we saw that godliness is grounded in God's grace. That we can't be godly without firstly God saving us. Galatians 5 wants to build on that truth and say that godliness is also powered by God's Spirit. The way that God changes us is when we look, not to something outside of us, like the law, but something inside of us, God's Holy Spirit. Let's see what Paul means by beginning with

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1. The WAY of love (verses 13-15)

"You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. ¹⁴ For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' ¹⁵ If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other."

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Paul has been talking to the believers in Galatia about Christian freedom. They are no longer under law but under grace. It is not about what they do that saves them but what Christ has done for them. But if our salvation is all about Jesus and nothing to do with ourselves, is our sanctification, our holiness, again all about Jesus and nothing to do with ourselves? Can we just let go and let God. Can we just do whatever we want from now on?

"NO WAY", says Paul. Freedom in Christ is not a license to sin, but it is a liberty to love. Having lived prior to your conversion with ourselves as the boss, our lives are now under new ownership. No longer does the flesh, the remnant of sin that remains in each and every believer after conversion, rule us. Instead, God's love should rule us. Now God's law, & especially the ten commandments have a role to play in this transition. Before it condemned us, it showed us our sin and how far short even our best deeds were in God's eyes. Now it shows us what loving God actually looks like, that's the first four commandments; and what loving our neighbour also looks like, that's what commandments 5 to 10 help us with.

For freedom needs a form. For example, think of a train, it's not able to go everywhere it wants to go, it can only go where the tracks go. But if there is a good network of tracks, it still has a good freedom of movement but it must always operate within the perimeter of the tracks. For that's what it has been made to do. If it left the tracks, very soon, it would stop going. It has no freedom to go wherever it wants.

Likewise, the law gives us the guidelines for our freedom. We are not saved to continue to love ourselves. We are not saved to bite and devour those around us. We are saved to love and serve one another. My freedom, then & my liberty should never be at the expense of others. The paradox of grace is that true freedom is expressed in hearts that serve and love other, even hearts and lives that are willing to become slaves of one another.

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Martin Luther famously put it this way. *"A Christian man (or woman) is the most free lord of all and subject to none; a Christian man (or woman) is the most dutiful servant of all and subject to everyone."*

Imagine you get a day off and you can do whatever you want for a whole 24 hours. You might choose to go to the beach, have a coffee and some cake, maybe a massage and then treat yourself to a restaurant meal but if you are a parent, you might choose instead to fix your son's bike, do a couple of loads of washing for your family and take your daughter to her sporting game instead. In your freedom, you might choose to serve your family out of love. And for the Christian because of the love and grace they have received from their Lord God, they now will want to show that love and grace to those around them.

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So, the first application from this passage is a challenge to us all to use our Christian freedom not to serve ourselves but to serve others. To realise that the way of the flesh is that of pride, ambition and selfishness but that is incompatible to God's grace that we find in Jesus Christ. Since we have been freed from those sinful desires, we should instead use our new found freedom to sow seeds of love in our homes, in Churches, in community & in our world

Is that your aim? Is that what's happening in your life at the moment? Are you currently a faithful servant of those that God has placed around you. The problem with being a servant is that sometimes people treat you like a servant. They take you for granted. Which is what often happens, to God Himself. We take him for granted. We take his salvation for granted. But the way of love also leads us to

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2. The WAR within (verses 16-21)

¹⁶ "So, I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. "

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Even after we are saved, actually especially after we are saved, all believers face an internal conflict. Within them are two sumo wrestlers, the flesh and the Spirit, fighting for control of one's affections. You see becoming a Christian doesn't mean you get rid of all those sinful influences and behaviours that you have had in your life in the past. Like the weeds in the garden, the snakes down the back, the termites in the wood work and dare I say the fleas in the carpet they don't just go away because you have moved house.

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You see this is the normal Christian life. And it will be our everyday experience from here until heaven. That's why there are so many things in my life where *"I do not do what I want to do."* As Charles Wesley once wrote, *"I never knew the energy of sin till now that I experience the superior strength of Christ."* For when I choose to do the evil thing, the Spirit opposes me and when I choose to do the good thing, the flesh opposes me.

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Listen to how the Westminster Confession of Faith in chapter 13 paragraph 2 puts it. *“This sanctification, is throughout, in the whole man, and yet imperfect in this life. There abideth some remnants of corruption in every part whence ariseth a continual and irreconcilable war; the flesh lusting against the Spirit and the Spirit against the flesh.”* Friends this is the normal Christian life. So, we need to understand that and get ready for the battle.

Now why would the Lord make a battle the common experience for all Christians? Why not a victorious Christian life where it is always easy to choose the right thing and then to do the right thing? It is because this is how we grow in godliness. It is in the struggle that we can't rest on our own strength alone. We must reach out for the power of the Holy Spirit that God has placed within us. And in the very act of reaching out we enjoy the intimacy of relying on the presence of God Himself and we also learn to lean on each other as we go through the same sorts of trials and struggles as the fellow Christians around us are also going through.

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So where will the battles lines be drawn up? In what areas will the fighting be the hardest? ¹⁹ *“The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; ²⁰ idolatry & witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions ²¹ and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like.”*

It seems to me that you can divide up the battle lines into four main areas. Sexual sins, religious sins, interpersonal sins and finally personal sins. Paul starts off with the sexual sins those of sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery. Often Christians are accused of harping on about sexual sin, and there is a good reason we do talk about it a lot. Because sexual sin is damaging to both ourselves and to others. It is taking the fire that is warm and attractive in the fireplace (that is sex within marriage) and putting it outside of marriage where it can run amok and cause damage to all that find itself in its path.

Sexual attraction and sexual desires are strong, incredibly strong. And it is incredibly tough to say no to. Someone I know recently couldn't control that desire and it has caused him to lose his marriage, his job, his reputation and maybe even his relationship with his kids. Just because you are a Christian you don't automatically win this battle of the flesh and the Spirit within you. And if you think you will easily win it, I am sorry but one day you might be in for a rude shock.

But it's not just sexual sin but it is also religious sins like idolatry and witchcraft that don't go away without a fight. Idolatry is where you put something in God's place and you begin to worship it and serve it. Now I can put myself in God's place, or my family or my kids, my career, even my Church. Also, many people have been caught up with false religions or false doctrine or false practises that lead them away from true Spirit led worship.

But the biggest list of sins that Paul gives us are interpersonal sins. And friends you might be feeling pretty good about yourself because you have not fallen for sexual sins or even religious sins but these personal sins are just as bad in God's eyes. Things like *“hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions ²¹ and envy;”*

How many of us here know how to hold a grudge? Or perhaps we have a poisonous tongue? Or our insecurities make us jealous and we find ourselves looking at talented people as rivals? Or maybe we can't control our temper and so in anger we fly off the handle into fits of rage? Or could it be that we gossip at church and say words that cause divisions amongst us. Or we always need to have our say and get our own way. If so, the battle that is raging in you, is the same battle that is raging in me. And we would be foolish to deny it to others.

Lastly there is personal sins like drunkenness and orgies. Now orgies are referring here not to sexual expressions but a lack of self-control or self-discipline around gambling or alcohol, or gluttony or indulgences of any kind. Now of course these are not an exclusive list of vices or temptation but there are enough examples given to wake us all up & admit, yes, I still have a battle within me raging due to a fleshly behaviour, or maybe most of those fleshly behaviours

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Paul says *"I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God."* Now that doesn't mean that those who occasionally do these sorts of behaviours will end up in hell but those who continues to live controlled by these behaviours will find themselves away from the kingdom of God. It is the difference between a gardener and a farmer. A farmer is always doing planting, pruning and reaping but a gardener only does it in their spare time.

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Likewise, there will always be a tug of war in every Christian life between the flesh and the Spirit, between the remnant of sin from our former life and the owner of our new life. But the key thing is are these sins of the skin the one controlling and ruling us or is the Spirit the one powering our lives? Friends remember this, the battle within us isn't evidence of failure, but of true conversion. Dead people don't struggle with sin. It is us Spirit filled people who will always have this tug of war inside of them.

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So, I wonder, where do you find that this battle is raging with you? Is it your anger? Pride? Lust? Self-Righteousness? Pornography? Food? Drink? Fun? This is God's way of helping you to grow in the faith if you would turn to him in your moments of weakness & if you start

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3. The Walk with the Spirit (verses 22-26)

²² *"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law."* There's a difference between the works of the flesh and the walk with the Spirit. Paul is paintings a contrast between the acts of the flesh and the fruit of the Spirit. Now notice that the acts of the flesh are multiple but the fruit of the Spirit is singular. Because the work of the Spirit will bring not just one fruit but a cluster of fruit. That will affect your whole life.

But it is a fruit, it is something that grows naturally, gradually, over time. For a fruit of the Spirit is not our work but his work. It's a supernatural work. The Spirit plants the seeds within us when we are converted & over time the Holy Spirit cultivates that seed and creates fruit within our Christian lives. But what sort of fruit will we see grow inside of us over time?

The fruit of the Spirit is firstly love. We are now free to love and the Spirit will also give us the power to generate love as well. Love is other person centredness. Love is a response to God that puts him above ourselves in our affections. Love is a compassionate response to meet the needs of those around us. It has been rightly said that love is not just the first of all Christian character traits, it sums up what a Christian really is all on about.

Then there is also joy. A joy that flows from the new and confident relationship we now have with our Father God as we trust in his hope inspired promises. It was said of Columba, the early missionary to the tiny Scottish island of Iona, that *"He was loving to all people and his face showed a holy gladness because his heart was full of the joy of the Holy Spirit."* If only others were able to say that of you and me.

That love and joy leads to a peace, a confidence that God has the whole world, including ourselves in his hands. There is no longer any need to be anxious or worried about the issues before us. We can have a patience, a forbearance, that no problem is too small for God to get involved him and so we can wait for him to do his work in our lives, even if we seem to be waiting a long time.

That leads us to developing a kindness and goodness and a gentleness of character that allows us to reach out to others in a certain way, even if they are not reaching out to us in the same godly way. It helps develop a faithfulness and a self-control because as God has been faithful to us and slow to anger with us, we can be faithful to others and hold our tongues and our actions when others let us down.

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Now what this tells us is that living a Spirit filled life is not just an individualist and private affair. But it happens in the midst of community. It is in our relationships with one another that the fruit of the Spirit becomes especially evident. It is something we do together. There's a kind of gritty, no-nonsense realism about Paul's description of the Christian life here, isn't there? It's not abstract; it is concrete. It is not mystical; it is immensely practical.

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And to bring it all together, as we put all those 9-character traits together, a picture begins to emerge. A picture of Jesus. Didn't he love us so much that he was willing to die for us in our place? "For the joy set before him, he endured the cross, scoring its shame." Didn't he promise to give us his peace, his perfect peace? Wasn't he patient with the disciples? Didn't he look with kindness on the lost, gentleness with the sick & with compassion on the crowds? Wasn't he faithful to his father's will? And wasn't his self-control amazing when at the very end he says to all those around him, "Father, forgive them for they don't know what they are doing?"

Isn't the end product of the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives, to make us more and more like Jesus? We can't produce that sort of fruit within us, but He can and does. As Augustine once prayed "Command what you will and give us what you command." The work of godliness is God's work just as the work of conversion was God's work also.

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In the words of David Strain, *"the engine of true holiness runs on only one fuel. There is only one path to purity, only one way to walk with God, only one strategy for sanctification. You must cry to God for the fresh assistance and live daily depending upon the ministry of the Holy Spirit. We must be Holy Spirit people. Spirit-led. Spirit-filled. Spirit-empowered people. There is no progress in the Christian life, in Christian godliness, by any other means."*

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So, if God's Holy Spirit is promising to do all this in the life of the believer, is there anything for us to do? Well, yes, there is. ²⁴ *"Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires."* Paul says we crucify the flesh, using the same word that Christ experienced on the cross to say we need also to go through the painful process of killing sin dead in our lives. Listen again to David Strain...

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"Paul is saying here you don't play with your sin. You don't excuse your sin. You don't hide your sin. You don't indulge your sin. You don't compromise with your sin. You don't bargain with your sin. You kill your sin. Crucify it. Steel yourself, ... give it no room to grow. Give it no room to thrive. Take steps, radical, if necessary, to change your routine, your relationships, your habits, your screen time, your expenditure until you choke the life out of your flesh... Don't play with it, don't excuse it, don't indulge it, don't compromise with it. Kill it."

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And then in its place, Paul says, *"walk by the Spirit, live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit."* That last phrase is a military term and what it is saying is that the Spirit is like your commanding officer. You march at His Word. He sets the pace. He directs your steps. He requires you to step in time to the beat of His drum. We are not to run ahead of God and his word nor lag behind it, hoping there is some other way. But we allow the Spirit of God to help us know the way and the words of Jesus and then we enable that same Spirit to power us on in the walk of faith.

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What that means is that we are freed by Christ not to love self but love Christ. Not to fight one another but to fight sin. Not to follow our hearts desires but to follow the leading of the Spirit as He takes over our heart. As He changes our heart's desires. And if we do that the fruit of the Spirit will be there for all to see, a life that looks more & more like Jesus.

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So, as we leave can I ask you a couple of questions. Is there more fruit in your life or more flesh in your life? Are you walking with the Spirit toward Jesus or sitting still in your Christian life and getting nowhere? Is the battle within you making you want to give up and follow the flesh or to crucify sin and walk in the Spirit?

Friends the more you know God, the more you & I should be godly. The more we understand God's grace, the more gracious we should be. The more we realise what Christ has done for us the more we want to live like Him & that can only happen if we are powered by his HS.

Song – Yet not I but Christ in me

[CityAlight ~ Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me \(Lyrics\) - YouTube](#)

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| <p>1. What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to His
Oh how strange and divine,
I can sing, "All is mine"
Yet not I, but through Christ in me</p> | <p>3. No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven
The future sure, the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And He was raised to overthrow the grave
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released,
I can sing, "I am free"
Yet not I, but through Christ in me</p> |
| <p>2. The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side, the Saviour He will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need, His power is displayed
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley He will lead
Oh the night has been won,
and I shall overcome
Yet not I, but through Christ in me</p> | <p>4. With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For He has said that He will bring me home
And day by day I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete,
still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I, but through Christ in me</p> |

Benediction. 22 *"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. 24 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit."* (Galatians 5:22-25)