

April 30, 2006 Summit AM

Importance Of Being Led By God's Spirit

Introduction

A. Text – Gal.5:16-26

B. In Rom.8:12,13 – have an obligation to live according to the Spirit

1. Of extreme importance

Eph.5:19 – be filled with the Spirit

Eph.4:30 – do not grieve the Holy Spirit

1 Thess.5:19 – don't quench The Holy Spirit (put out His fire)

Gal.5:18 – be led by the Spirit

2. Question – do we sense this importance?

C. Focus this morning – Importance of being led by God's Spirit

D. Pray

I. Contrasting Themes Of Galatians – Law & Grace

A. Salvation is not through Law keeping

1. To seek to do so is to set aside God's grace (unimportant)

2. Gal.2:21 = means Jesus died for nothing

3. Is not a law that we could keep that could save us – Gal.3:21

B. Neither can we maintain our salvation through Law keeping

1. No man can perfectly obey the Law – any law

2. Law given to reveal God's standards & drive us to Jesus

Rom.3:19,20; Gal.3:24,25

C. Spirit given so we can live righteously

1. Gal.5:16 – live by Spirit = not gratify desires of flesh

2. Jesus promised disciples – Spirit guide them unto all truth – Jn.16

3. 1 Cor.2:10 – God reveals His secrets to man through His Spirit

II. Blessings From Being Led By God's Spirit

A. Freedom from legalism

1. Every religion of man based on law keeping

a. List of do's & don't

b. Must appease your god by actions – deeds

c. Problem – everyone falls short – imperfect

2. Gal.5:1-6

a. Are free from legalism – acceptance through law keeping

b. God not judge us on performance – how well keep

c. Accepted because of Jesus' sacrifice – Rom.8:1

3. Now we keep His will because love & respect Him

a. Even if I'm not perfect I'm accepted

b. Not a license to sin – sin separates

B. Victory over the flesh

1. Gal.5:16 – led by Spirit = not gratify desires of flesh

a. Rom.8:13 – by the Spirit we put to death misdeeds of flesh

b. 1 Cor.10:13 – way of escape is provided

2. 2 Pet.1:3,4 – given all need to partake in divine nature

C. Guidance unto all truth

1. Jn.8:31,32 – Promised His disciples will know truth = set free
 - a. 2 Cor.4:4 – Satan able blind unbelievers to truth
 - b. Until accept Jesus as Lord – never know truth
2. Prov.3:5,6 – trust – acknowledge = make paths straight
 - a. Not an audible voice – a God directed conscience
 - b. Instructed & led by God’s word

D. Access to the Father

1. Last week-spent time with Catholics (brother’s family)
 - a. Invited priest to all functions
 - b. Noticed way acted – be in presence of one called father
 - c. Access was limited – access to God limited too
2. Eph.2:17,18 – both have access to the Father by one Spirit
 - a. Rom.8:26,27 – Spirit intercedes (groaning) for us
 - b. As we seek to do His will – ask anything (no limitations)
 - c. Fred Wolfe – EEM = bibles in over 6,000 schools

E. Assurance we are God’s children - accepted

1. Rom.8:14-16
 - a. Those led by Spirit = sons of God
 - b. No longer a slave to fear
 - c. By Him we cry “abba” Father
 - d. Spirit testifies we are God’s children
2. **How testify?**
 - a. 2 Cor.3:18 – as focus on Jesus we are changed
 - b. Gal.5:22,23 – fruit of the Spirit in our lives
 - c. **Point** = lives are no longer the same = His influence
 - d. As long as we seek to walk with god’s Spirit – assured

III. How Are We Led By God’s Spirit?

A. Through God’s word

1. Eph.6:17 – sword of the Spirit is the word of God
2. 2 Tim.3:16,17 = makes one complete spiritually

B. As we read, meditate & obey God’s word = being led by God’s Spirit

1. More our attitude is to receive = more receive
2. Mt.13:11-17 – whoever has given more

Conclusion

A. Are you taking advantage of your spiritual opportunities?

1. Attitude – I want as much of God as I can have?
2. Just trying get by – resisting; quenching; ignoring God’s Spirit

B. Pray