

Series: Faith By The Numbers

Title: IN vs AFTER

Text: (Gal 5:16-23)

Now the works of the flesh are

- Adultery:** Sex outside of Marriage
Fornication: Sex before Marriage
Uncleanness: Lewd; unchaste, Adultery of the heart, consisting of inordinate and *unclean* affections.
- Lasciviousness:** Sexual Deviance
Idolatry: Valuing something more than your relationship with God.
- Witchcraft:** Sorcery; being under the influence of demonic forces.
(Seeking power apart from God)
- Hatred:** Having a great dislike for another.
Variance: Argumentative.
Emulations: An unhealthy desire for superiority.
Wrath: Revengeful feelings of getting even.
Strife: Spreading angry contentions.
Seditions: Raising Commotion.
Heresies: Teaching contrary to Biblical truth.
Envyings: A general dissatisfaction with the way & amount of God's blessings in your life compared to that of others.

Murders: Premeditated Killing of another human being.

Drunkenness: To be habitually overpowered with intoxication from alcohol.

Reveling: Uncontrolled feasting and carousing in a party-like atmosphere.

Such like:

(Gal 5:21b) *“of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.”*

(1 Cor 6:9-10) *Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.*

(1 Cor 6:11) ***Gives us hope!***

And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

Being IN the Flesh & Walking AFTER the Flesh

A believer cannot walk IN the flesh, but can intentionally follow AFTER the flesh.

(Gal 2:21) *I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.*

Frustrate~ TO Interrupt

Understanding Rom 6&8 clearly helps us understand how that sin, walking after the flesh can Frustrate the Work of God in our lives.

Romans 8:1

There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

If we are IN Christ, we will not be condemned by God.

When we walk AFTER the Flesh, we do experience the condemnation of the devil.

There is a BIG difference between the Holy Spirit's Conviction, and the Devil's Condemnation.

Romans 8:2

For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

LAW=Rule of Conduct

This new law emancipates us from the power of sin and gives us freedom from God's condemnation.

When we yield to the *Rule of Conduct* that now lives within us, we will experience the benefits of being free from the power of sin.

If we do not yield to the Spirit's rule for conducting ourselves, we will instead walk "*After the Flesh*".

We are free from Sin's power but as a result of our "*Walk*", we will not exercise or experience the benefits of this freedom.

We are willfully walking after it, following it, as it leads us astray.

Illus: Emancipation, Slaves chose to remain slaves, out of fear.

God has freed us from the power of sin, but we can still choose to follow it.

It has no power over us except what we give it.

Romans 8:3

For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:

(Read verse 1 again before continuing)

Those that are “*in the flesh*” are condemned.

Romans 8:4

That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

This verse proves that we can live the Christian life by yielding to the inner man and not going after that which is already dead. Vs 10

Romans 8:5

For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.

Romans 8:8

So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

To please God we must “*Walk in the Spirit*” by faith.

Romans 8:9

But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you...

Our position in Christ, and His position in us.

Romans 8:10

And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

(Gal 5:20-21) (BAD FLESH)

Pretty easy to recognize from a person’s behavior

(Gal 5:22-23) (RIGHTEOUS FLESH)

(Gal 3:1) Bewitched by a (GOOD FLESH)

Neither “*Righteous*” nor “*Unrighteous*”
“*Self-Righteous*” Behavior

Satan knows we are not going to be comfortable under Holy Ghost Conviction from the behaviors of Vs 19-21.

(2 Cor 11:14-15) Satan appears as an angel of light. His tactics seem spiritual and good.

But he leads us to walk in our flesh to good, rather than reliance upon the Spirit of God.

(Good Flesh vs. Righteous Flesh)

(Gal 5:22-23) **The Fruits of the Spirit**

What is meant by the word “*Fruit*”?

On Purpose, God has limited Himself in the way in which He will respond to all forms of Adversity.

This was His decision.

The Spirit will lead you to respond in one of these 9 ways, or not to respond at all.

These “*Fruits*” are God’s 9 actions or reactions to all circumstances in life.

The devil , as an angel of light, mimicking God’s true leadings thereby offering us alternative to each of God’s 9 fruits.

That gives us 20 choice, with 2 of them as obtaining from responding at all.

The problem with Christianity in our day is that we as Christians do not have a dynamic enough walk with God to discern the difference between righteous responses under the influence of the Holy Spirit, and Self-Righteous responses under the influence of the flesh.

Transforming: Love, Joy, & Peace

(Inner being transformation)

(Rom 12:2) Transforming precedes

Conforming.

Inside Behaviors of man.

These can go undetected.

Before a person can act right outwardly, has to be an

inward change.

These are responses to adversity

The devil attacks us from the outside to influence us.

Lust of the Flesh to prey on the Mind.

Lust of the Eyes to prey upon the Will.

Pride of Life to prey upon the Emotions.

He uses these outside influences in attempt to destroy the inside.

God works from the Inside out.

The inner man communicates with God.

The Holy Spirit influences the Inner Man, we yield to His influence it is always conforms the outer being to the image of Christ.

Conforming: Longsuffering, Gentleness, & Goodness

(Outer being conformation)

These are evidenced by outward behavior.

After the Transformation of the mind begins, these 3 fruits will cause us to UN-CONFORM from the world an conform to the image of Christ.

Reforming: Faith, Meekness, & Temperance

(New being reformation)

Read Gal 5 this week, ask God to start opening your understanding to these as we will study them next week.