“Love: For God and Neighbor”

Galatians 5:16-25

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Introduction: A Snapshot of Galatians

- Theological Message (Gal. 2:15-21)
- Themes:
    - God, Christ, truth of the gospel, justification by faith, the centrality of the cross, the gift of the Spirit, “already-not-yet eschatology”, the law and covenant, oneness of Jews and gentiles, freedom in Christ to obey, and danger of apostasy
- Structure:
    - Chs. 1-3: justification by faith
    - Chs. 4-6: sonship and freedom achieved by the gospel

I. Living by the Spirit Rather Than the Flesh (Gal. 5:16-25)

- Walking by the Spirit (vv.16-18)

- Marks of the Flesh and the Spirit (vv.19-23)
    - The flesh (vv.19-21)

- The Spirit (vv. 22-23)
    - Holiness and the communicable attributes of God

    - Singularity and Symmetry of the fruit

II. Love (1 John 4:7-12)

- Fruit: Selfless and Sacrificial Love

- Weeds: Fearful Self-protection and Selfish Affection

- Fertilizer: Contemplating God's Love for Us in Christ