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Paul's View on Love Regarding Sins

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Galatians 5:13-26

Today's sermon will be a little different from our usual format. We will look at the list of sins in this passage and see why they are violations of loving God, loving our neighbor, and loving our self.

I. Here are the details of this text.

A. Our eternal _____ is not determined by what we do or what we don't do. This is what is meant by freedom. V.13

B. After we are born again into God's family and receive a new spiritual nature, we still have our _____ that is prone to sin. V.13

C. Loving our neighbor as our self means to _____ to walk according to our spiritual nature and not to our flesh nature. V.14-21

1. Here is a partial sampling from the list of sins and why they indicate that we are _____ according to our spiritual nature when we commit them.

a. Sexual immorality starts with an _____ to acknowledge that our creator has the right to tell us how to conduct our sexual activities. It is a violation of loving God. It is also a sin against our own body. We begin to awake appetites that are destructive to our self and to others.

b. Idolatry and sorcery attempt to _____ things around us that we are not intended to control.

c. Factions and envy are attempts to put our self and those that we deem worthy ahead of others who are also _____ in the image of God.

2. Here is a partial sampling of behaviors that indicate that we are being _____ by our new spiritual nature.

a. Joy and peace are shown even in hard times because God is on the _____ of our heart and not our fleshly nature.

b. Patience and kindness carry us through conflicts with others because we are not responsible for the outcome, just our _____.

c. Goodness and faithfulness are the result of allowing God to work _____ us. God is the ultimate of goodness and faithfulness. Our flesh can imitate these only as far as there is personal benefit to us. God shows this fruit as a permanent trait of who He is.

II. Why are these truths so important?

A. We need to stop _____ people as saints and sinners. We as believers have dual natures that we must choose to walk according to. Non-believers only have the one nature.

B. We must stop using doctrine and religious preferences as _____ to hide our fleshly behavior.

C. May our focus be on allowing _____ to be our _____ in our life.