Overheads from last week

You shall love your neighbor as yourself

↳ the Christian; not optional

Good works are necessary, but not for salvation.

James 2:14-26

↳ True good works; True spiritual life

Not outward works - circumcision, observing certain days, clothing, food, drink, traditions, ceremonies, etc.

Jn 3:18 Love ... with deeds and truth.

1 Cor 13:4-8a Love is...

↳ No one is nobler than your neighbor: Vocation

Spouse, children, parents, siblings, etc.

Neighbor, church member, fellow worker, friend, etc. Gal. 6:10

Enemy (one who has injured me)

Rom 12:21 overcome evil with good

↳ Do unto others...

standard - Mt 7:12

teaching the erring
comforting the afflicted
encouraging the weak
helping the neighbor
bearing with his rude manners
bearing with his impoliteness
putting up with annoyances,
labors,
ingratitude of men
contempt of men in church
and in state
obeying the magistrates
treating one's parents with respect
being patient in the home
with a cranky wife
and an unmanageable family
and the like.

Luther's Works v. 27 p. 56

This week

v.16 Walk by in the Spirit

περιπατεῖτε = ἐπιθυμίαν

and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

τελέσητε

1 Aorist / Active / Subjunctive
2nd Plural

τελεω — finish, complete, fulfil
accomplish, end

teleology - study of ends, purpose

5:14
The law is fulfilled...

πεπληρωται

in love.

πληρόω - fulfil, bring about
fill, make full,
complete

Rom 8:3-4 ★

Rom 8:23 first fruits of the Spirit

Rom 13:4

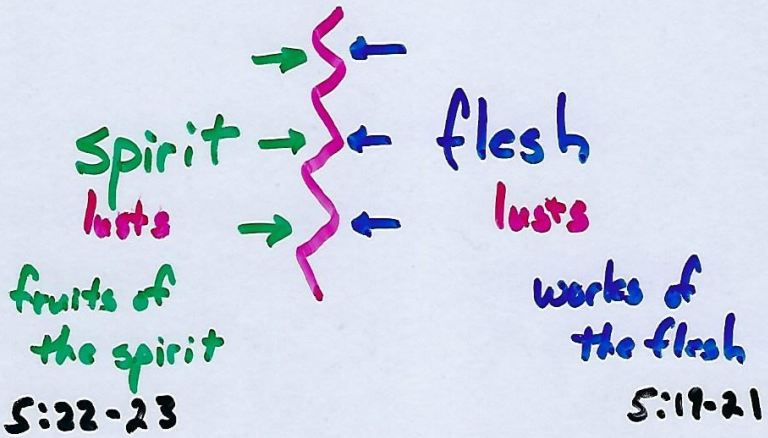
The Spirit		The Flesh
Walk	Contrary	Resist
Follow		Repress
Obey		Restrain

v.17 For the flesh lusts against the spirit,

ἐπιθυμεῖ

and the spirit (lusts) against the flesh;

and these are contrary to one another,



so that you do not do the things that you wish

ἵνα
result

The spirit wants to be righteous.

CONFLICT

The flesh wants to sin

[End of conflict 1 Co 13:8, 13]

Be conscious of the sinful desires
...as not to give in to them. Ps 32:5-6

Resist before the desire becomes word/deed.
Rom 8:13 live/mortify

Great weakness - what I want...
Rom 7:21-25

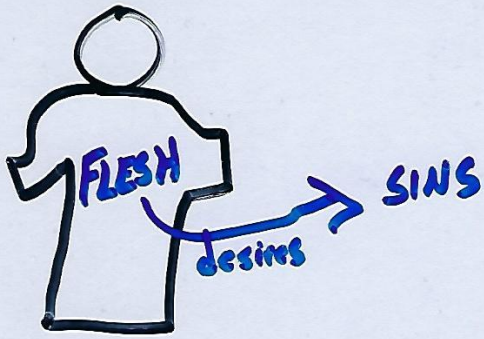
Christians complain about the rebellion, conflict and captivity to sin
Ps 143:2
Ps 130:1-4

Do not despair, when another battle begins.
Do not be surprised or frightened at that within you. (conflict felt)

When you follow the spirit, the flesh will hinder.

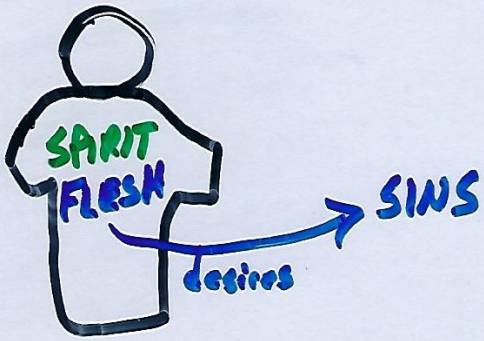
1. Walk by spirit (word: faith and love)
2. Resist flesh, say No to works of flesh.
   ↳ If fail, confess and receive forgiveness

Sin which remains is not imputed to believer.
(lusts of sinful nature)



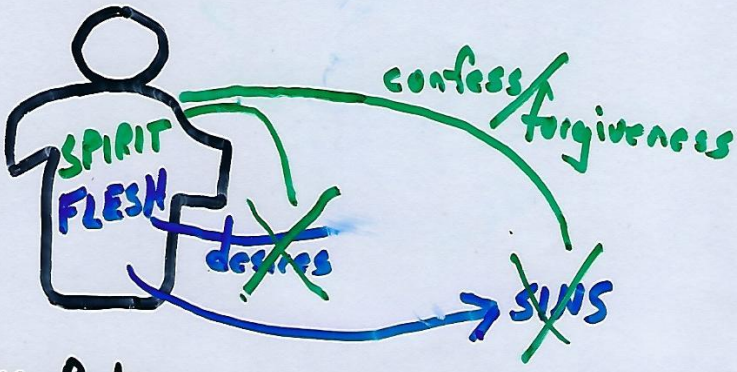
Unbeliever

"I sin."



Believer

"I sin and I'm forgiven."



True Believer

"I am a sinner and aware of my sin. Forgiven. I refuse to gratify the flesh. I walk by the spirit."