

5:13 You, my brothers,
were called to be free. ^{ἐλευθερία}

But do not use your freedom
to indulge the sinful nature; ^{ἐλευθερίαν}
^{ἀπορμήν}
rather, serve one another in love.

Licentiousness - Jude 4, 1 Peter 2:16
Rom 16:18, Mt 7:6

14 The entire law is summed up
in a single command:

"Love your neighbor as yourself."

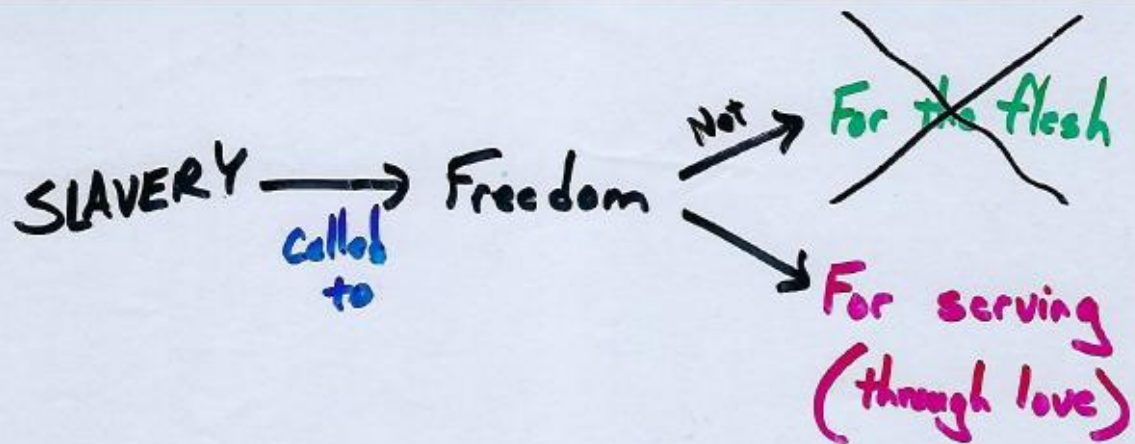
^{ἀγαπήσεις}

Mt 22:37-40

1 Cor 13:7

1 Cor 3:11,12

Mt 7:26



διὰ τῆς ἀγαπῆς δουλεύετε ἀλλήλοις.
 through love to serve one another

The law has been fulfilled... "Love your neighbor..."

πληρώται
 perfect tense



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.

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

1 Cor 13:4-8 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

Christians

1. The law shows sin.
2. Trust in gospel for righteousness/forgiveness.
3. Love your neighbor in freedom.

Judaizers

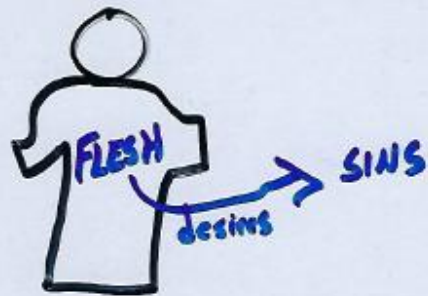
1. The law tells me what to do.
2. By keeping the law I am righteous
3. Bite and devour one another.
5:15

Heathen

1. The law...
2. Gospel is license to sin
3. Yourself

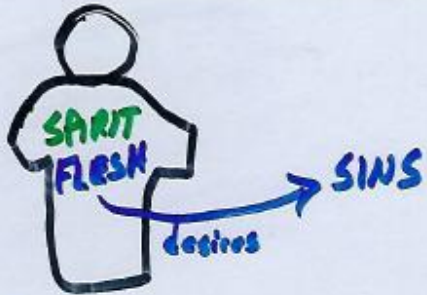
Without being united in
FAITH
and then practicing
LOVE

there is no concord and no peace
dissension (parties and factions arise)
demands for certain notions (life, works)
limitations on love
consumed by one another.



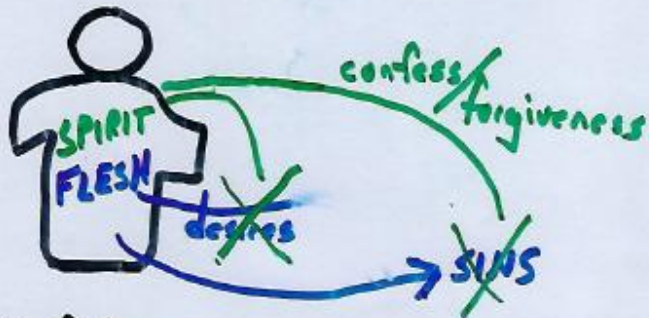
"I sin."

Unbeliever



"I sin and I'm forgiven."

Believer



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

True Believer

v.19 works of the flesh v.22 Fruit of the spirit
↔

v.21 just as I also told you in time past,
that those who practice such things
πραΐσουντες

will not inherit the kingdom of God

Luther

p80 It is one thing to be aroused by the flesh and not to tolerate its desires any further, but to walk and to withstand by the Spirit; it is quite another thing to give in to the flesh and to do its works with a strong air, to persist in them...

p80 Nevertheless, it sometimes happens that saints may lapse and gratify the desires of their flesh... But no matter how great these sins were, they were not committed intentionally, they were committed because of weakness. In addition, when they were admonished these men did not persist stubbornly in their sins but

returned to their senses. Later on (6:1) Paul commands that such men be received, instructed, and restored, saying: "If a man is overtaken, etc."

p81 ... this passage provides us with the greatest possible comfort when it tells us that it is impossible to live without any desires and temptations of the flesh, in fact, without sin. [we are not im-passioned.]

If we are ignorant of or deny the weakness of believers, we will have a hypocritical righteousness. When we are aware of our uncleanness of flesh, it keeps us from being puffed up.

We strive to avoid the works; we can't avoid the desires

We don't trust in our own righteousness.

A Christian struggles with sin, continually.

v.19 Now the works of the flesh are evident... obvious
τὰ ἔργα φανερά

v.16 Walk in the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of
v.18 If you are led by the Spirit the lust of the flesh.

οὐκ ἐν πνεύματι
you are not under law.
ὐνὸ νόμον.

v.19 Works of flesh are obvious... (LIST)

v.21 I warn you, as I did before, that
those who live like this
οἱ τὰ τοιαῦτα πράττοντες
will not inherit the kingdom of God

v.22 But the fruit of the Spirit is (LIST)

v.23 Against such things there is no law.

v.24 Those who belong to Christ Jesus

have crucified the sinful nature with its
ἐσταύρωσαν τὴν σάρκα
passions and desires
Aorist - Past, completed

Rom 6:6 our old self was crucified, Rom 7:6 having died
Gal 2:20, 6:14, Rom 8:13 We put to death (on cross of Christ)

v.25 Since we live by the Spirit,
ζῶμεν ἐν πνεύματι

let us keep in step with the Spirit.

Not same
as 5:16

συνελχομεν

πνεύματι

Gal 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me...

Perfect, passive

Rom 6:6 knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with that we should no longer be slaves of sin.
Passive - God did

Aorist passive

Gal 5:24 And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

What God did (at conversion),

I then did.

Flesh not in control; Kicked off the throne.

Aorist
completed
one-time

Rom 8:13 For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

I now continue to do it.

Present
ongoing

Unbeliever

3:10 rely on observing
the Law

4:8 Slaves (were)

4:21 under Law

4:24

Hagar /
slavery

Sarah /
free

Indulge the sinful
nature
glorify the desires
works of the flesh

Believer

3:11 live by faith
Sons of God

3:26 baptized / clothed

4:5 full rights of sons
↳ Holy Spirit

know God / are known

4:15 all your joy! (to give)

children of the promise

5:1 freedom

5:5 eagerly wait

5:6 faith → love

serve one another in love

Led by the Spirit

fruits of the Spirit

5:24 have crucified