



GENUINE ONENESS IN CHRIST
GALATIANS 5:13-26 (NLT)

Only by the **Holy Spirit**

- Genuine Oneness of the Church (Ephesians 2)
- Genuine Unity within the Church (1 Corinthians 12:12-27)
- Genuine Spiritual Life of the Believer (Romans 8:1-17)
- Genuine Spiritual Power for the Believer (Galatians 5:13-26)



Galatians 5:13-15 (NLT)

- ¹³ For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don't use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love.
- ¹⁴ For the whole law can be summed up in this one command:
"Love your neighbor as yourself."
- ¹⁵ But if you are always biting and devouring one another, watch out! Beware of destroying one another.



Galatians 5:16-18 (NLT)

16 So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves.

17 The sinful nature wants to do evil, which is just the opposite of what the Spirit wants. And the Spirit gives us desires that are the opposite of what the sinful nature desires. These two forces are constantly fighting each other, so you are not free to carry out your good intentions.

18 But when you are directed by the Spirit, you are not under obligation to the law of Moses.



Galatians 5:19-21 (NLT)

- ¹⁹ When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear: sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures,
²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division,
²¹ envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these. Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God.



Sexual Sins

- **Sexual Immorality** - Any form of illicit sexual relationship. The term serves to spotlight forbidden behavior between people or indirect participation as an audience.
- **Impurity** - Moral uncleanness. Perhaps no sexual act has taken place, but the person exhibits a crudeness or insensitivity in sexual matters that offends others and leads them to false conclusions about the other person's character. An example today would be the excessive use of sexual humor (or what is supposed to be humor), where people make statements with a sexual double meaning.
- **Lustful Pleasures (Debauchery)** - Open and excessive indulgence in sexual sins. The person has no sense of shame or restraint. Lustful pleasures is the outworking of sexual immorality and impurity.



Religious Sins

- **Idolatry** - Worship of pagan idols. A person creates substitutes for God and then treats them as if they were God. This person is giving in to sinful human desires.
- **Sorcery** - Involvement with the powers of evil, at times using potions and poisons. With idolatry, a person acts in a submissive role in relation to evil; with witchcraft, the person is an agent who manipulates the powers of evils.



Interpersonal Sins

- **Hostility (Hatred)** - A condition of fixed enmity between groups. This may be real, unresolved conflict whose cause has been forgotten but which has yielded a harvest of bitterness toward one another.
- **Quarreling (Discord)** - Competition, rivalry, bitter conflict - the seeds and the natural fruit of hatred.
- **Jealousy** - A feeling of resentment that someone else has what another feels he or she deserves.
- **Outbursts of Anger (Fits of Rage)** - Outbursts of anger for selfish reasons. The plural form conveys the meaning of continual and uncontrolled behavior.



Interpersonal Sins - cont.

- **Selfish Ambition** - The approach to life and work that tries to get ahead at other people's expense. Not only might this refer to what we call "workaholism," it also implies a mercenary, aggressive attitude toward others in the pursuit of one's goals.
- **Dissension** - Strong disagreements or quarrels. The attitudes that can quickly develop between people when a disagreeable attitude prevails. Whatever the topic or issue, as soon as one side states its opinion, the other party immediately champions the opposing view, as a matter of "principle."



Interpersonal Sins - cont.

- **Division (Factions)** - Divisions created among people because of dissensions. This describes the tendency to look for allies in conflict, to form power blocks. The almost spontaneous generation of cliques demonstrates this characteristic of sinful human desires.
- **Envy** - A desire to possess something awarded to or achieved by another. Or even the twisted logic that cries “Unfair!” about another’s circumstances and expresses the wish, *If I can’t have that, they shouldn’t get it either!*



Pagan Culture Sins

- **Drunkenness** - Excessive use of wine and strong drink. In Ephesians 5:18 (NIV), the Apostle Paul used this tendency to highlight the contrast between living by the flesh and living by the Spirit: “Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit.”
- **Wild Parties (Orgies)** -Drunken, carousing “parties” often filled the sexual promiscuity, were associated with festivals of some pagan gods. The feasts in honor of Bacchus, the Greek god of wine, were particularly infamous for their immorality.

^{21b} Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God.



Luke 19:41-44 (NKJV)

⁴¹ Now as He drew near, He saw the city and wept over it,
⁴² saying, "If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things
that make for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes.
⁴³ For days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment
around you, surround you and close you in on every side,
⁴⁴ and level you, and your children within you, to the ground; and they will
not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not know the time
of your visitation."



Galatians 5:22-23 (NLT)

- ²² **But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives:** love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,
- ²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!



Galatians 5:24-26 (NLT)

²⁴ Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross and crucified them there.

²⁵ **Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives.**

²⁶ Let us not become conceited, or provoke one another, or be jealous of one another.



“RELIGION CAN REFORM A PERSON’S LIFE,
BUT IT CAN NEVER TRANSFORM HIM.
ONLY THE HOLY SPIRIT CAN TRANSFORM!”

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