

Series: Uncaged – The book of Galatians

Sermon: Free From Cannibalism – Galatians 5:13-21

Only a person in communion with the Holy Spirit will be able resist the desires of the sarx and agapao their neighbors as themselves!

You Were Called To Freedom Not Cannibalism – vv. 13, 15

True Freedom Needs God's Love To Guide It – v. 14

- John 15:12-13

We Must Walk In The Spirit's Power To Love – vv. 16-17

- Ephesians 2:1-3, John 16:14; 3:6-7, Luke 6:27-28

We Must Follow The Spirit's Lead In How To Love – v. 18

- Ephesians 5:1-2

Questions: From Paul's list, where do you see the desires of the sarx (ie. flesh) at work in your life? (see back page) How does the gospel of grace help you love and accept yourself the way God already does? How will you seek the Spirit's strength to agapao (i.e. love) your neighbor too?

Works of the Flesh – Galatians 5:19-21

At least fifteen ways we devour one another and destroy freedom!

3 are Sexual:

Sexual Immorality - sexual intercourse between unmarried people (i.e. fornication). We derive our word pornography from this word and is included here because it takes place in one's hearts.

Impurity – unnatural sexual practices or relationships outside of God's design.

Sensuality (*Debauchery*) – out of control grabs for happiness from sexual sins.

2 are Religious:

Idolatry – False gods: anything that becomes a substitute for the true God and receives the worship of one's heart.

Sorcery (*Witchcraft*) – False power: Either one is faking to have power or is actually deceived in thinking they are manipulating evil power.

8 are Attitudes and Conflicts in Relationships:

Enmity (*Hatred*) – unresolved conflict and bitterness

Strife (*Discord*) - cutthroat competition and rivalry

Jealousy - all consuming yet never satisfied wants of the ego

Fits of Anger - a brutal temper

Rivalries (*Selfish Ambition*) – trying to get ahead at other's expense

Dissensions – strong disagreements and attitudes that divide homes, churches, and lives.

Divisions (*Factions*) – the desire to look for allies in conflict and the creation of warring groups.

Envy – desiring what others have or a twisted logic that cries “unfair”

2 are Substance Abuse:

Drunkenness - excessive drinking

Orgies – Drinking parties that could include sexual carousing

“And things like these” meaning *this is not a comprehensive list.*