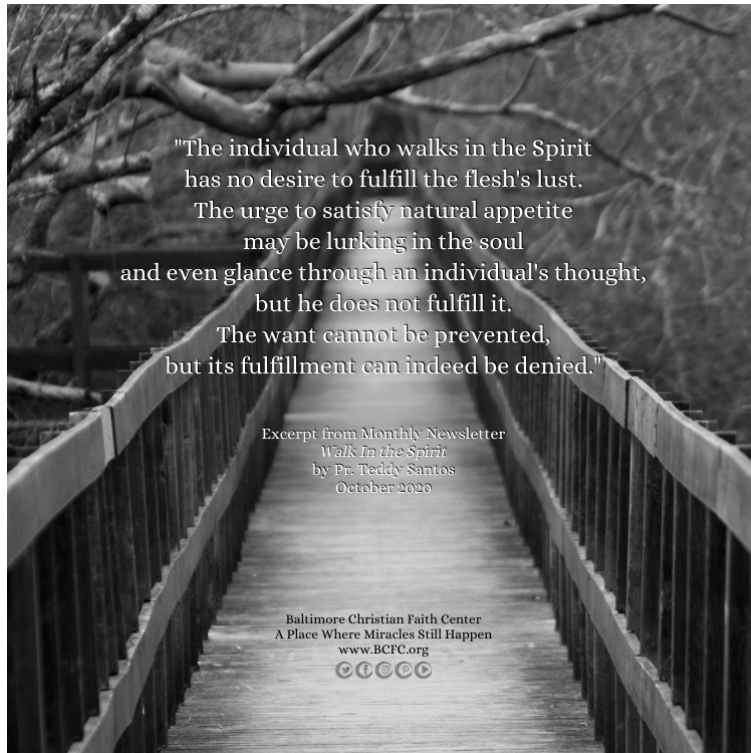


# WALK IN THE SPIRIT

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***“Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.” — Gal 5:16.***

The topic of “Walking in the Spirit” is one that many have a hard time understanding its concept. For one, we are in the flesh and not in spirit form. To many, if it doesn’t add up - if we can’t perceive or make sense of it, we pay little emphasis. God is Spirit, and we are flesh - two opposites. And as time goes on, more and more, we have the dire need to walk in close fellowship with Him - to know His will, to discern His plan, to see the heart of God!

When we walk in the Spirit, we will be led by Him. From the beginning of our lives, we are apt to be impulsive and headstrong, like Moses, when he downed the Egyptian. But as we mature in Christian knowledge and experience, we anticipate the guidance of the Spirit, prompting us by His suggestion, impressing on us His perfect will, working within us what afterward we act out in character and deed. We do not advance in front but follow behind. The Spirit leads us.

The individual who walks in the Spirit has no desire to fulfill the flesh's lust. The urge to satisfy natural appetite may be lurking in the soul and even glance through an individual's thought, but he does not fulfill it. The want cannot be prevented, but its fulfillment can indeed be denied.

So, when we walk in the Spirit, He produces in us the fruit of a holy character. The distinction between the fleshly activities - i.e., the selfish life - and the fruit of the Spirit, which is the direct product of His influence, is well identified. **Psalm 119:165** promises a tremendous benefit: *Great peace have those who love Your law, And nothing causes them to stumble.*" The Word of God gives peace in a world of confusion and protection from the power of temptation. The verse doesn't mean that believers are unsusceptible from trouble or sorrow, but by following the instructions and commands of our God, they dodge the pitfalls of sin.

This provides excellent encouragement and assurance regarding security with God, meaning that we will not be turned aside by the difficulties that may arise along the way. What a confident life we can live by following the directions of the Lord!

And so, it is with the soul who daily walks in the Spirit. Every year those who live near witness a ripening abundance of fruit in demonstrating love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and self-control. Galatians 5 bundles everything beautifully:

**Gal 5:22-25** *"22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law 24 And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit."*

At His service,  
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