

**Sermon Discussion Questions**  
**Pastor Mark Hopper "Perfected by Grace"**  
**Our Spiritual Struggle**  
**Galatians 5:13-21**  
**November 27, 2016**

1. Ask the people in your group to share a Christmas tradition in their family (baking cookies, going caroling, etc.). Why have these traditions become memorable or meaningful to you?
2. What do you think Paul means when he writes about our "freedom in Christ"? (Gal 5:1 & 13)

In what way was the Old Testament Law and all the details that were added by the Scribes and Pharisees a "burden" in people's lives?(compare: Matthew 11:28-31 / 23:1-5 / Acts 15:8-11)

3. How do love and serving others fulfill the real intent and purpose of the Law? (13-14) Compare: Mark 12:28-31
4. In what ways are the "flesh" (our human nature) and the Holy Spirit in opposition to one another? (5:15-18)

How does the Holy Spirit help us to live a life pleasing to God and help us to not fulfill the desires of our flesh (human nature)?

5. As you read through the list of the "Deeds of the Flesh" ask people to read from different Bible translations so that you can get a better sense of the meaning of each word. (5:19-21)

Which word(s) in this list caught your attention?

Compare: Mark 7:20-23 / I Corinthians 6:9-11 / Colossians 3:5

6. If you have time, review and discuss some of the principles that were shared at the end of the sermon (ex. When in doubt - don't)
7. Conclude you time with prayer.