

Welcome!

- **Wednesday Groups for Kids & Adults**
 - This Week! July 9th @ 6:00pm
 - **New Member Info Meeting**
 - Sun, July 13 @ 9:15am in Lobby
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*Last Week's Pattern: OUT, THROUGH, IN

John 8:30-32

As he was saying these things, many
believed in him. So Jesus said to the
Jews who had believed him,

“If you abide in my word, you are truly
my disciples, and you will know the
truth, and the truth will set you free.”

John 8:33

They answered him,

“We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. *How is it that you say, ‘You will become free’?*”

*Identity sparks Intensity

John 8:34-36

Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

Romans 2:28-29

For no one is a Jew who is merely one outwardly, nor is circumcision outward and physical. But a Jew is one inwardly, and circumcision is a matter of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter. His praise is not from man but from God.

Galatians 3:6-7, 9

Abraham “believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.” Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham.... So, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith. (*Galatians 4; Romans 4)

John 8:37-39

I know that you are offspring of Abraham;
yet you seek to kill me because my word
finds no place in you. I speak of what I
have seen with my Father, and you do
what you have heard from your father.”

They answered, “*Abraham is our father.*”

John 8:40

Jesus said, “If you were Abraham's children, you would be doing the works Abraham did, but now you seek to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God.

John 8:41

This is not what Abraham did. You are doing the works your father did.”

They said to him,

“We were not born of sexual immorality.

We have one Father—even God.”

John 8:42-43

Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and I am here. I came not of my own accord, but he sent me. Why do you not understand what I say? It is because you cannot bear to hear my word.

John 8:44

You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

John 8:45-47

But because I tell the truth, you do not believe me. Which one of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me? Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God.”

John 8:48

The Jews answered him, “Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?”

John 8:49-51

Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.”

John 8:52-53

The Jews said to him, “Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, ‘If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.’ Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?”

John 8:54

Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God.’

John 8:55-56

But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad.”

John 8:57-59

The Jews said, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?”

Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, *I am.*”

They picked up stones to throw, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

The Battle Pattern

The Devil | The Word

The Flesh | The Spirit

The World | The Church

The Devil

- Works through lies = Sin (enslaves)
- Destroys life = Death (steal, kill, destroy)

The Flesh

- Acts on the lies and destroys life

The World

- Promotes the lies and destroys life

The Battle

The Word versus the Devil

- Word = Jesus and Scriptures
- Truth and Grace defeat Lies
 - Cross!
- Light and Life defeat Death
 - Resurrection!

The Battle

The Word versus the Devil

The Spirit versus the Flesh

- Walk in the Light
- *Galatians 5 / Ephesians 5

Galatians 5:13

**For you were called to freedom,
brothers. Only do not use your freedom
as an opportunity for the flesh, but
through love serve one another.**

Galatians 5:14-15

For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.

Galatians 5:16-17

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.

Galatians 5:18-20

But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions,

Galatians 5:21

envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Galatians 5:22-23

**But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy,
peace, patience, kindness, goodness,
faithfulness, gentleness, self-control;
against such things there is no law.**

Galatians 5:24-25

And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.

The Battle

The Word versus the Devil

The Spirit versus the Flesh

The Church versus the World

- Promotes Truth and Life
- Points you to Jesus
- “You are the light of the world”