**SERMON NOTES**

**Grace Abounding**

**A Sermon Series through the Book of Galatians**

**“Nip It In The Bud!”**

**Galatians 5: 16 – 21**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is moving out of the old ways into the new ways.**

**God has designed this \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ formula to be the means by which the continual defeating of sin in the life of the believer is accomplished.**

**We see in our text this morning (v 16 -21) the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to put off the desires of the flesh.**

**The word “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” in this text refers to the sinful nature – present in all people - the wants to please self rather than God.**

**The Greek word ἐπιθυμίαν (desires) literally means an “over desire”; inordinate desire”; a desire that is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and rules one’s life.**

**The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the flesh do not have to begin as sinful in order for them to *become* sinful, inordinate, and life ruling desires.**

**The call to every believer is to make war and to fight against sinful desires so as not to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the flesh.**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ takes sexual sin seriously and He calls believers to do the same.**

**All sin – including sexual sin – begins in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_and the mind long before it births into action.**

**The temptation to find identity, security, value, and worth in anything or anyone besides the one true God is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**The sin at the heart of jealousy and envy is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with what you have and have been given and instead to want what others have or are getting.**

**How do \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ respond when I don’t get recognition for something and someone else does? This is a good marker if jealousy is a sin that needs to be put to death in your heart, believer.**

**The Spirit brings unity, the flesh brings \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**This list of v19-21 includes sin that most would agree are outlandish and far out of bounds but it also contains very common and “everyday” sins that some would be tempted to see as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (jealous, anger, dissension, etc.).**

**The point is that any sin, because it is sin (a preference for something over God) will \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ us if we continue in rebellion and without repentance.**

**Those who engage in the works of the flesh, refusing to make war with them – by the power of the Spirit of God – show that the Spirit of God is not at work in their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (v21).**

**If someone claims to belong to Christ and yet is not warring and fighting the flesh by seeking daily to put it off, then the Bible’s warning to them is that they will not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the kingdom of God.**

 **The mark of a Christian is not that you have no struggle with sin but that you have a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ struggle with sin.**

**Is there fight, struggle, repentance, and a longing to do what God wants you to do and not do what the flesh wants you to do in your life? If so, that is the battle of sanctification and evidence of God’s grace and power at work in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**Be careful to not misunderstand the list of v 19-21 to mean that any one of these sins “or things like them” are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and bars you from Heaven simply by having practiced them in your life.**

**The Bible understands and teaches us that sin is defeated in our heart not simply when we start doing something but when we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ doing something in its place.**

**Our fight against sin is not about our will power but the power of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

Blanks: Sanctification; putting off & putting on; command; flesh; controlling; desires; gratify; God; heart; idolatry; discontentment; I; division; insignificant; destroy; life; inherit; great; you; unforgiveable; start; Spirit;

Congregational Reading – Titus 2: 11 -12

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people,training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age,