

# THE NATURE OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

## GALATIANS 5:24-26

### I. THE CHRISTIAN LIFE IS A LIFE OF PERMANENT CRUCIFIXION (5:24)

- A. The Specific Thing That Is Crucified Is The Source Of All Our Difficulty: *The Flesh*
  - 1. It Is Impossible To Make The Flesh Subject To The Law Of God
  - 2. It Is The Polar Opposite Of The Holy Spirit
- B. The Specific Questions That Must Be Answered Are First, "*When Did This Occur?*" And Then, "*How Does It Manifest Itself?*"
  - 1. With Regard To Timing: A Single Death Dealing Experience In The Past At Conversion
  - 2. With Regard To Application: Radical Self Denial In Discipleship [The Fruit Of Repentance]
    - a. A Different Attitude Toward The "*Affections*" Associated With The Flesh
    - b. A Different Attitude Toward The "*Lusts*" Associated With The Flesh

### II. THE CHRISTIAN LIFE IS A LIFE OF DAILY WALKING IN THE SPIRIT (5:25)

- A. Walking In The Spirit Is Equivalent To Consistently Taking In the Words That The Spirit Has Breathed Out
  - 1. Believing Them With All Your Heart
  - 2. Yielding To Them With All Your Will
- B. Walking In The Spirit Is Equivalent To Anatomical Walking