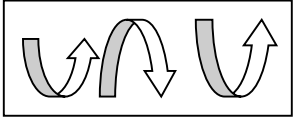
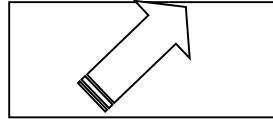


In This World (Pt.5)
How in This World can I "Walk by the Spirit?"
(Galatians 5:16-18)

Typical Christian life



"Walking" by the Spirit



Introduction: *"Learning how to walk in the Spirit will give you clear direction for living in this world and victory over your fleshly desires and sin."* The term "walk" is an expression from the Hebrew language which, means, "to conduct one's life." (Gen. 6:9; Mt. 4:19-20; Gal. 5:16)
 (This is a three-step process)

I. A dependency on the Holy Spirit: (v.16)

A. There must be a conscious dependency – (Rom. 8:9; 1 Cor. 6:19; 12:13; Gal. 5:16)

1. Note Jn. 7:37-39
2. Jn. 20:22 ("Receive" is active, "accept")

B. There must be constant dependency - (Eph. 5:18) Paul tells us to Lit. *"keep being filled with the Spirit..."*

1. The promise is not, "You'll never have fleshly desires..."
2. The promise is, if we'll walk by the Spirit, we'll not give in to those lusts and desires.

II. A desire for the Holy Spirit: (v.17)

There are two things we must understand in this passage, we must...

A. Understand the contrast between the flesh & the Spirit

1. *The flesh is corrupt* (Rom. 7:15-19; Gal. 5:19-21)
2. *The Flesh must be crucified* (v. 24; Gal. 2:20)

Apart from the Holy Spirit's power, we will never control our fleshly desires.

B. Understand how to control of the flesh by the Spirit –

1. *We must recognize the choice* (Gal. 4:6-10)
2. *We must recognize the hope is walking by the Spirit* (Mt. 26:41; Rom. 7: 24-25; 1 Jn. 1:7; Rom. 8:6)

3. *We must recognize the solution (it is not our will verses our flesh; it is only by surrender to the Holy Spirit).*

III. A designated control to the Holy Spirit: (v.18)

A. The Christian must first be "Led" by the Spirit –

1. *We must be willing to be led by the Spirit*
 - a. *Being led by the spirit is evidence we belong to God* (Rom. 8:14)
 - b. *Being led by the Spirit is evidence by a desire to do God's will and loving God's Word* (Ezk. 36:27)
2. *When we are willingly led by the Spirit we'll not be condemned by or struggle to keep the law in our own strength* (Ps. 40:8)

B. The Christian can then "Live" by the Spirit - (v.25)

1. The word "since or if" means this is a fulfilled condition.
2. *The Christian has the ability to "conduct oneself rightly as we walk by the Spirit's guidance, impulses and energy.*