



# THE WORD *Alive*

The Preaching Ministry of  
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## GLOBAL WARMING: *GOING GREEN* (pt 3) Galatians 5:16-25

<sup>16</sup> But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. <sup>17</sup> For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please. <sup>18</sup> But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law. <sup>19</sup> Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality, <sup>20</sup> idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, <sup>21</sup> envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you just as I have forewarned you that those who practice such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. <sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. <sup>24</sup> Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup> If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

### GOING ORGANIC: *THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT*

<sup>22</sup> *“But the fruit of the Spirit is...”*

- 1 - This fruit is not produced “by” us but “in” us specifically by the Holy Spirit of God. We cannot produce it apart from the Spirit.
- 2 - This fruit is nothing less than the Holy Spirit living the life of our Lord Jesus in us and through us, displaying His perfect qualities.
- 3 - This is not “nine different fruits” but only one single fruit, manifested in nine distinct qualities.

**Thus, the Holy Spirit produces ALL of His fruit in us as a whole and not just “seasonal fruit”.**

### REDUCING HARMFUL EMISSIONS:

<sup>24</sup> *“Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.”*

For Paul, it is a foregone truth that all who are truly believers in Christ have crucified the flesh. Conversely, those who have not, do not belong to Him.

**Crucified:** The power of the flesh and its passions to control and work in one’s life are effectively dead as a result of a conclusive action one has taken in the past with enduring results.

**Being dead, there is no more fellowship or contact with the passions and desires.  
No more harmful emissions!**

### PRESERVING THE ENVIRONMENT

<sup>25</sup> *“If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.”*

**WALK:** go in order; to advance in a line; to keep in step; follow in the steps of one; follow the example; direct one’s life under the control and direction of; exhibit conduct and behavior that manifests the control of the Holy Spirit;

As we grow in our understanding and perception of the inner leading and work of the Holy Spirit, we simply do what He says. We “keep in step” or “walk” by the Spirit.

**When a sinful passion or desire rises up in us, we are to crucify it and do what God’s word commands us to do instead.**

### CHALLENGE

Paul has clearly provided a checklist by which we may identify our lives to determine if we are living a life of depth and meaning in the Spirit that is acceptable to God or if we are on the pathway of the “flesh” that leads to destruction and brings emptiness and sorrow along the way. Today is your opportunity to “change your environment” by turning away from your past sins and turning to God through Jesus Christ. Eternal salvation is only a sincere prayer away.