

Spiritual Enemy Number One: the Flesh, Part Five

- Know your spiritual enemies.
- The Christian has two natures that are in conflict with one another (1 Jn. 1:8, 10).
- Galatians Five “works” *cf.* “lusts;” same thing, different emphasis (Rom. 13:13-14; 1 Cor. 10:6-7); “works” called “lusts”.
- Victory by being filled by the Holy Spirit—He makes up what is lacking (Eph. 5:18).

“Now the works of the flesh are plainly seen . . .” 17 works plus (Gal. 5:19): **1-4.** Sexual works; **5.** Idolatry (Gal. 5:20) placing something equal to God.

- 5. Witchcraft** (Gal 5:20) is religious superstitious awe; although unrighteous thinking changes form to become a sin act. (Rev. 9:21; 18:23). Closely related to idolatry.
- 1) Prayer (1 Jn. 4:22; 5:14 *cf.* the armor Eph. 6).
 - 2) Reading the Bible.
 - 3) “Touch not God’s anointed” (1 Sam. 10:1, 6; 16:13-14 *cf.* Heb. 13:7, 17).
- 12. Seditious, or cliques:** separation within the group.
- 1) Distinct from schism which is division into different groups (1 Cor. 1:10).
 - 2) Cliques follow men (1 Cor. 3:3).
 - i. Apollos (1 Cor. 16:13).
 - ii. Peter (1 Cor. 1:12; 3:22; 9:5).
 - iii. Paul (1 Cor. 1:12-13; 3:4-5, 22).
 - 3) The Christ followers (1 Cor. 3:6, 23).
 - 4) Dealing with cliques (Rom. 16:17).
 - i. Cliques scandalize.
 - ii. Cliques add doctrine.
 - iii. We are to scope cliques’ additions to doctrine.
 - iv. We are to turn away from cliques.