

Message Notes

Life thru the Spirit - Part 1

Scripture Passages

(taken from the English Standard Version)

HCC Financial Update

Introduction – My own worst enemy

Sermon Series

Jesus + Nothing = Everything

Today: Galatians 5:16-18

Previously in Galatians - "Freedom!"

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What is the flesh?

Romans 7:18, 7:25, 8:7-8

The flesh is a bad mob boss

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How the world deals with "the flesh"

How we are instructed to deal with the flesh

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Gospel Application - Do you have a personal relationship with the Holy Spirit?

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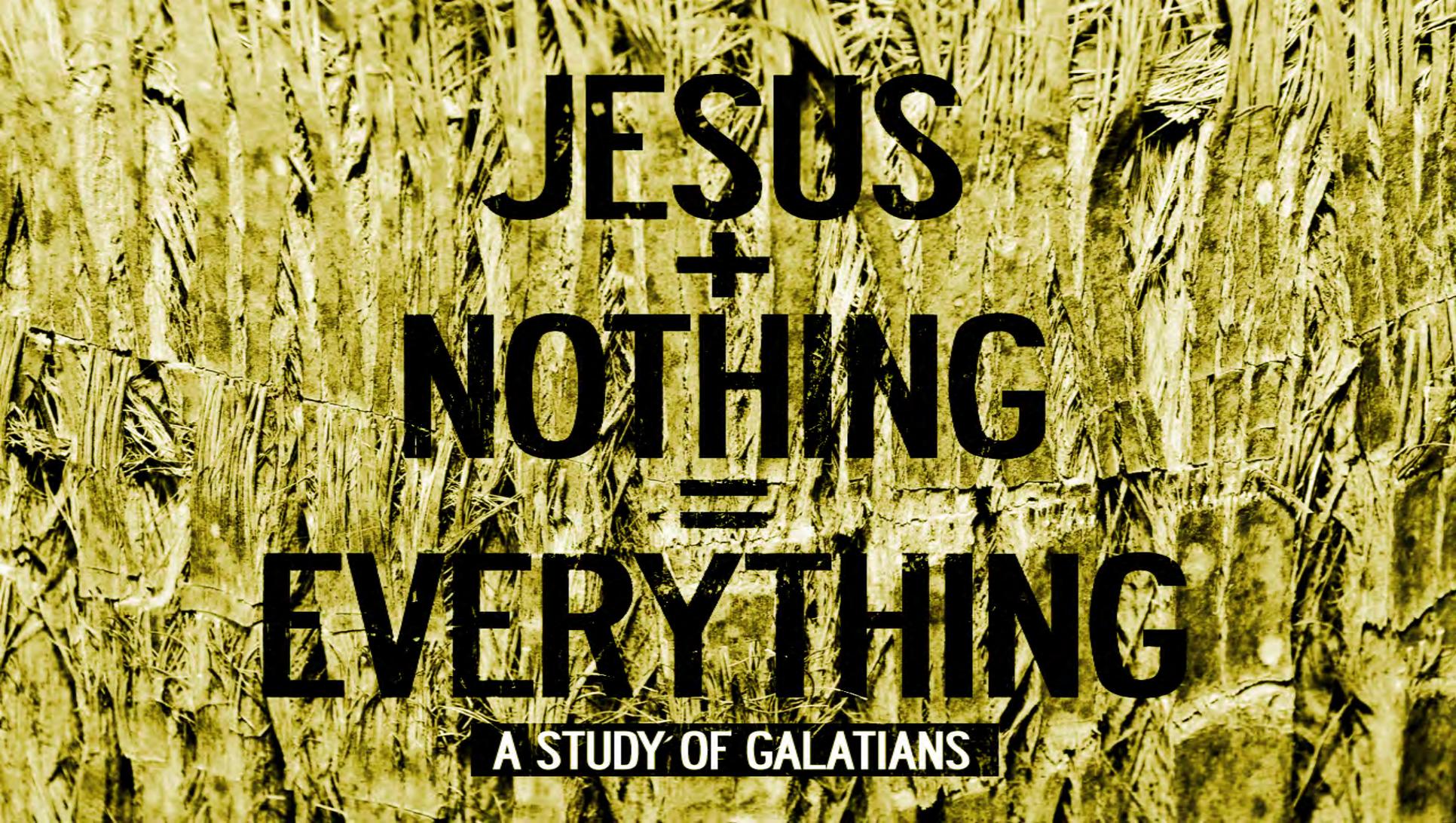
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A STUDY OF GALATIANS

Two Weeks Ago
Galatians 5:13-15



The Love of Gospel
FREEDOM!!!

The Three Way Cage Match

The Difficult Ride of the Christian Life



Legalism

Slippery Slope

License



Love



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**Make sure your
worst enemy is
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two ears.**

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**TELL THE NEGATIVE
COMMITTEE THAT MEETS
INSIDE YOUR HEAD TO
SIT DOWN AND
SHUT UP**

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**YOU CAN BE
your own
BEST FRIEND
or your own
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CHOOSE WISELY.

How the world deals with "the flesh"

Me : let me sleep

Brain : lol no, let's stay
awake and remember
every stupid decision
you made in your life.

Me : okay

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**I AM
MY PROBLEM,
BUT ALSO
MY SOLUTION.**

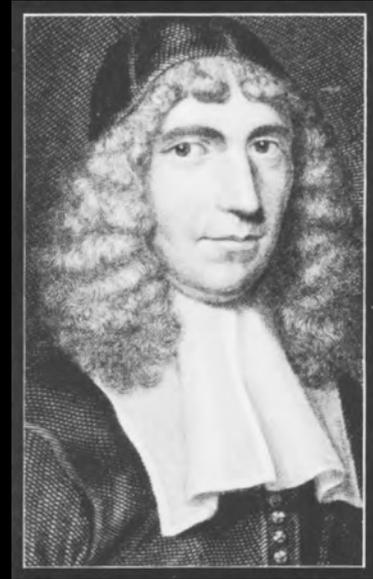
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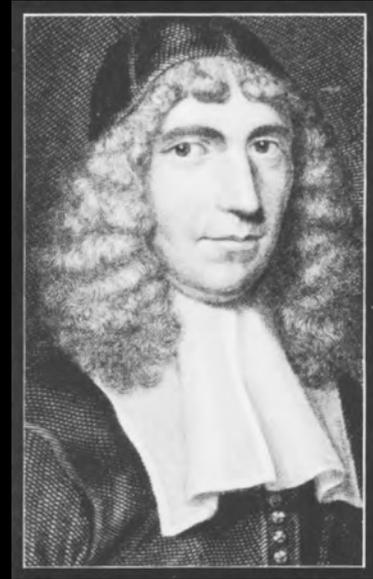
“The choicest believers, who are assuredly freed from the condemning power of sin, ought yet to make it their business all their days to mortify the indwelling power of sin.

The mortification of indwelling sin remaining in our mortal bodies, that it may not have life and power to bring forth the works or deeds of the flesh, is the constant duty of believers...



John Owen

“...The vigor, and power, and comfort of our spiritual life depends on the mortification of the deeds of the flesh. Do you mortify; do you make it your daily work; be always at it while you live; cease not a day from this work; be killing sin or it will be killing you.”



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Luke 4:14

And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee,
and a report about him went out through all the
surrounding country.

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John 14:25-26

25 “These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. 26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.”

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- He gives life (John 3:6-7, 6:63)
- He gives power for service (Num. 27:18, Acts 1:8, 1 Cor. 12:11)
- He purifies (1 Cor. 6:11)
- He reveals (John 16:13)
- He gives evidence of God's presence (Num. 11:25-26, Acts 2:2-3, Gal. 4:6)
- He convicts of sin (John 16:8-11)
- He pours God's love into our hearts (Rom. 5:5)
- He gives assurance (Rom. 8:16, 1 John 3:24)
- He illumines (1 Cor. 2:14-15, Eph. 1:17-19)
- He unifies (Phil. 2:1-2)

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“You always resist the Holy Spirit.” Acts 7:51

“Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God.” Ephesians 4:30

“Do not quench the Spirit.” 1 Thessalonians 5:19

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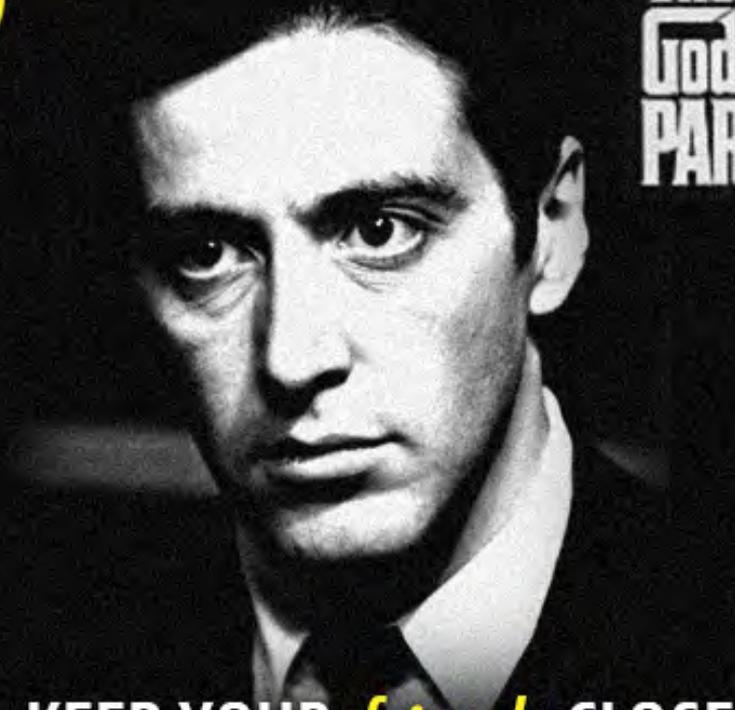
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“Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’ Now this he said about the Spirit...” John 7:38-39

“And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit...” Ephesians 5:18



The 
Godfather
PART II



KEEP YOUR *friends* CLOSE,
BUT YOUR *enemies* CLOSER.

by AL PACINO

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