**SERMON NOTES**

**Grace Abounding**

**A Sermon Series through the Book of Galatians**

**“Sow in the Spirit and Not in the Flesh”**

**Galatians 6: 7- 10**

**In our text this morning we observe at least two more evidences and demonstrations of what it looks like in daily practice when the Spirit’s fruit is being born in the life of the believer and the church:**

* **Spirit led people \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the Spirit and not in the flesh (v 7-8; 10)**
* **Spirit led people \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (keep sowing in the Spirit) (v9)**

**It is tragically easy for people who know much about the Bible and the Gospel to become \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**Paul tells us that one way we are deceived is by not understanding that our present conduct is indicative of our future condition, that our choices have consequences, and that what we do (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ we sow) matters.**

**There is a battle raging and a war that is being fought in the heart of the Christian - between the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**The flesh refers to the sinful nature that is present in all people: that part of our us that wants to please and live for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ rather than God.**

**The Spirit is God’s Holy Spirit who now takes up residence in those who have entrusted themselves to Him. The Spirit enables for the first time to live lives that are pleasing to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is moving out of the old ways and into the new ways.**

**The believer must not seek to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the old nature that is dead in them – the flesh - but instead seek to please the new nature of the Spirit that is alive in them.**

**The harvest that we each \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ depends on what we sow and where we sow.**

**The Spirit lives for that which he loves the most: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The flesh lives for that which it loves the most: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**Because of Jesus’s cross and resurrection those who have trusted in Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. That which was once so powerfully alive in us is now \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**As a Christian, you are now enabled to have a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – because of Christ and the Spirit in you - to sow in the flesh or to sow in the Spirit.**

**In the life of the believer, the field of the flesh must now – by God’s power - be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and no longer sowed in.** **Because, by God’s power we are sowing regularly in a new field – the field of the Spirit - as we walk in new Godly habits, Godly responses, Godly desires that are pleasing to Him.**

**We cannot pander to the flesh, cuddle it, or nurture it, rather we must \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ seek to put it death.**

**There is more \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus than sin in us.**

**All of the Christian life is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**Do not be deceived, the one who sows to please their sinful nature will reap \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**Spirit led people sow the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the Spirit in the field of the Spirit.**

**Sowing in the Spirit always begins with repentance and seeking forgiveness from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – for the first time or as a believer, ongoing in your life.**

**Sowing by the Spirit is to live in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ moment and view every opportunity at home, work, school, the ball field, church, wherever as occasion to live for Him who died and was raised and no longer for ourselves.**

**Spirit led people \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (keep sowing).**

**Just as sowing in the flesh will find you so will the good of sowing in the Spirit, so be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and persistent and in due season you will reap the harvest - eternal life.**

Blanks: Spirit; sow & persevere; deceived; how & where; flesh & Spirit; self; God; Sanctification; please; reap; Jesus & self; dead; choice; abandoned; ruthlessly; repentance; grace; corruption; fruit; God; every; persevere; patient;

Congregational Scripture Reading – James 5: 7 – 8

Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.