

## A Radical Difference

### Galatians 5:19-23

Introduction: Paul has made it very clear that those who have been justified by God have received the Spirit of God. He also shows that if your life is dominated by the flesh, it's evidence that you've never received the Spirit. In Galatians 5:19-23 Paul gives two lists: one of **vices**, the works of the flesh; and one of **virtues**, the fruit of the Spirit. In this passage, he teaches that:

**“Take-home” truth: The Spirit’s fruit in your life is the opposite of the works of the flesh.**

#### I. There are good reasons for the lists of vices and virtues.

- A. They show the difference between the flesh and the Spirit.
- B. They show the distinction between believers and unbelievers.

#### II. There is sharp contrast between the lists of vices and virtues.

- A. There is a difference in their origins.
- B. There is a difference in their operation.
- C. There is a difference in their organization.

#### III. There are lists of vices and virtues.

- A. The catalogue of vices:
  - 1. Immorality: sins of self-gratification
    - a. *Sexual immorality*
    - b. *Impurity*
    - c. *Sensuality*

#### 2. Idolatry: sins of self-exaltation

- a. *Idolatry*
- b. *Sorcery*

#### 3. Indignation: sins of self-vindication

- a. *Enmity*
- b. *Strife*
- c. *Jealousy*
- d. *Fits of Anger*
- e. *Rivalries*
- f. *Dissensions*
- g. *Divisions*
- h. *Envy*

#### 4. Intemperance: sins of self-indulgence

- a. *Drunkenness*
- b. *Orgies*

#### B. The catalogue of virtues:

- 1. Our response to God: *love, joy and peace*
- 2. Our relationships with others: *patience, kindness and goodness*
- 3. Our restraint of self: *faithfulness, gentleness and self-control*