

## “The Winds Of Peace”



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How does a victorious Christian handle tumultuous occurrences that cause those around them to fret and fear?

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Let us consider a phrase that is common in American Christian lingo: “weathering the storm.” Jesus said:

“But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”

John 14:26-27 (NIV)

Usually the implication in “weathering the storm” is that the Christian is walking against the winds of the world. Consider this from a different angle. Jesus left us his peace. The winds of peace are blowing in the direction which God wants us to walk. Many people fearfully fight against any winds, worldly or peaceful, and end up in a twisted ball of fear and confusion.

Jesus is clear that the Holy Spirit will teach us and remind us of what Christ has said to us. Let us trust God, turn away from fear and confusion, and walk with the winds of God’s peace blowing at our backs. This peace will blow us in the direction God wants us to walk. We will find that as we keep in the Word and walk according to it, we will see that the winds of God’s peace and the scriptures ALWAYS point in the same direction. We will also find that peace will blow certain things out of our hands, such as fear, worry, doubt, unbelief etc. Let them go!

So let us weather life’s storms by walking with the winds of God’s peace and remember Jesus’ words:

... And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age. Mt. 28:20NIV

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## “Being”

(Teaching Sketch)

Galatians 5:16-26



The Apostle Paul stresses in his letter to the churches in Galatia a very central point to living the Christian life, that of living in continual contact and fellowship with the Holy Spirit!



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When God created everything he said, “light be” and there was light! Yes, we are accustomed to hearing the quote, “Let there be light.” The words actually in the original were, “Light be.”

A human being is just that, a being! A being is a living person that exists. Being is the essence of a person, it is what a person “be.” The life a person chooses is a matter of “being” what they say they are! All we do is in the “being.” Yes, it is in the do that we be. The believer is then commanded, “Christian be” or “Believer be.”

### The Sinful Nature

Paul clearly wishes to be very plain spoken as he addresses the issue of sin (missing the mark) and the nature of sin as it exists in the flesh of mankind. The flesh holds onto the sinful nature, the predisposition to missing the mark (sin). We learn in the study of physics that inertia

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is the tendency for something to remain in the state of motion it is in, rather than change. This same situation often exists in the spiritual as well. Both the mind and the body are accustomed to “being a certain way,” but when Jesus Christ is accepted as Lord and Savior the spirit of the person immediately responds by coming into “being a new creature in Christ,” but the other two parts of our “being” may need a little coaxing to change their inertia to the new “being.”

### Led by The Spirit

Believers, Paul tells them, must not be hampered and held ensnared, by the old nature or way of “being.” Believers need to be first the “be” if they are to enjoy life in the Spirit! You see believers are “be-livers,” in other words, they must come to live what they “BE.”

### Sinful Nature Obvious

The sinful nature has it’s “be” just as the new regenerated nature has it’s “be.” Paul even lists the “fruit” of the sinful nature (that of habitually missing the mark and not caring if the mark is missed). Why are those things which are listed the fruit, because like a fruit tree a being bears what it is or (be).

Please note: This is a teaching sketch only and not the complete teaching.

## Scripture:

Galatians 5:16-26 (NIV)

### Life by the Spirit

<sup>16</sup>So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature.

<sup>17</sup>For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want. <sup>18</sup>But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under law.

<sup>19</sup>The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; <sup>20</sup>idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions <sup>21</sup>and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will 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 and self-control. Against such things there is no law. <sup>24</sup>Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup>Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. <sup>26</sup>Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.

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### Fruit of The Spirit

The fruit of the spirit is just as obvious as the fruit of the sinful nature. Why? Fruit reveals what a being “BE!” Paul lists these fruit also. The contrast is great in the two “beings”.

### Belong to Christ

It is the Holy Spirit who is our helper, by faith, to break the inertia of the old life and live the new life as new creatures (beings) in Christ Jesus. That is why the scriptures tell us that once a person is in Christ they are a new creature, behold all things become new! Believers are new “beings!” That is why there is new fruit.

### Keep in Step

Keeping in step with the Spirit of God continually moves us from the old nature to the new nature in mind and body as well as in our spirit. The scripture calls it going from glory to glory.

### Other Believers

We are not only individuals and remain so we are also a part of on body of “BE-LIVERS” who make up Christ’s body and will on earth. We must “BE” one in the Spirit, therefore!

The Sojourner’s World Hub moved this week! Things may not happen normally for a few days, please be patient with us.

### Just so you’ll know:

**Our service is informal.** We look to the Holy Spirit of God to guide us corporately and individually.

Our service usually follows this general pattern:

- **Informal sharing** of what we have seen the Lord do in, through, and around us since we last met.
  - Testimonies are often a part of the conversation.
- **Opening Prayer**
- **Praise & Worship**
- **Words of Prophecy or Knowledge** if they have been given during “Praise & Worship” (other times as the Spirit moves).
- **The Pastoral Message**
- **Prayer Requests**
  - Ministry to those present & intercession.
- **The Blessing**

