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So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.



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The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions 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.



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But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.



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TOTAL SCORE _____

To Be Completed
by Office

PASS ☐ FAIL ☐



Galatians Context

- Written to address destructive teaching
- Galatians turning from the gospel (Gal. 1:6)
- ‘You foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? [...] I would like to learn just one thing from you: Did you receive the Spirit by observing the law, or by believing what you heard? Are you so foolish? After beginning with the Spirit, are you now trying to attain your goal by human effort?’ (Gal. 3:1-3)



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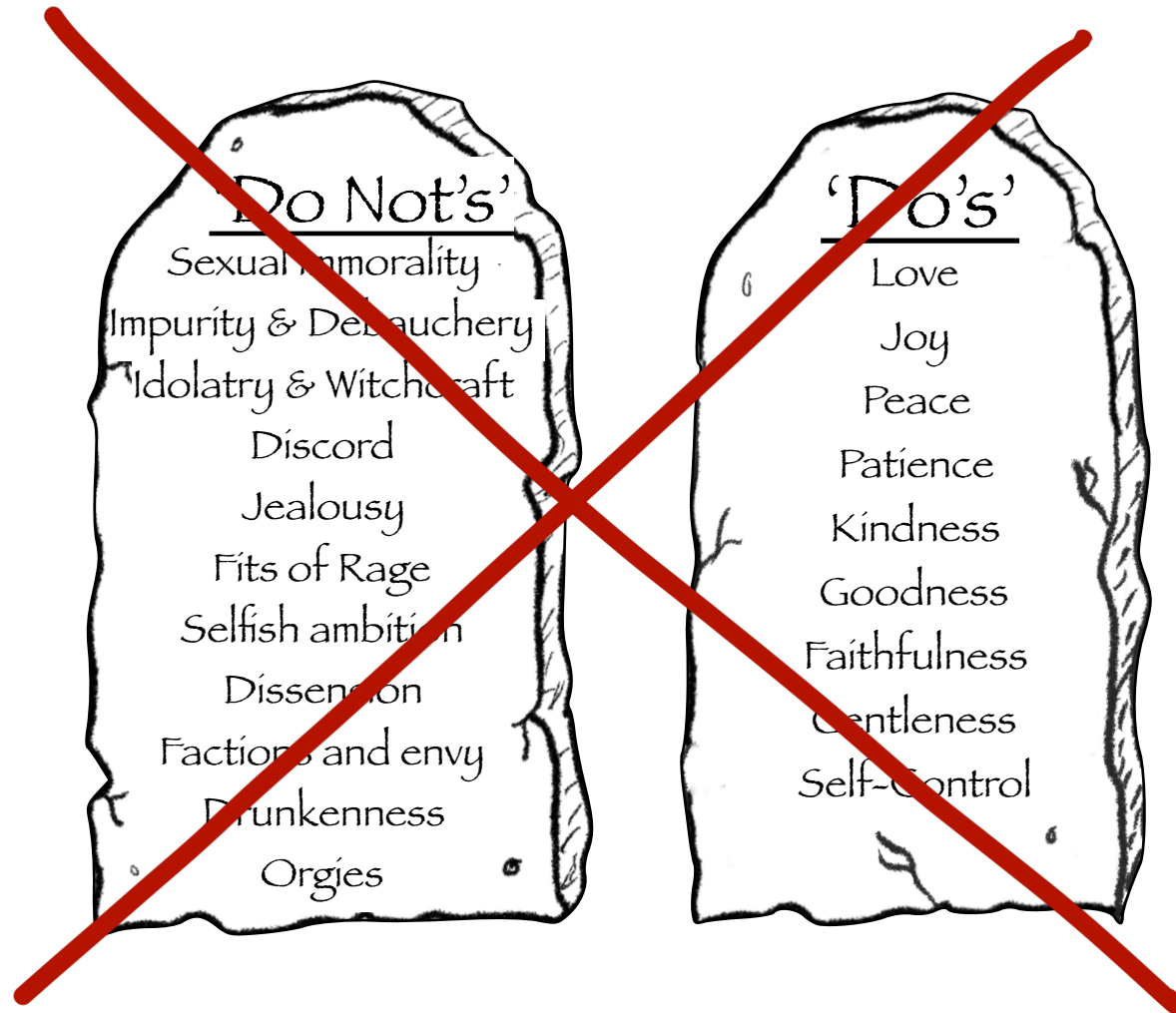
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The Church as the Bride, the Holy Spirit as the Divine Beautician

- The Divine Bride - The church
 - "... Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, [...] to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless." (Eph. 5:25-27)
 - "Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb." (Rev. 21:9-10)



The Church as the Bride, the Holy Spirit as the Divine Beautician

- The Divine Ring - The Holy Spirit in us
 - “When you believed you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance...” (Eph. 1:13b-14a)



The Church as the Bride, the Holy Spirit as the Divine Beautician

- The Divine Gown - The fruit of the Holy Spirit in us
 - “Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.” (Col. 3:12)
 - Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready. Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear.” (Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of God’s holy people.) (Rev. 19:7-8)



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The rags we wear, the stains we bear...

- When we focus on the principles/problems rather than on delighting in our unity in Christ.
- When we delight more in our own gifts than in the opportunities those gifts allow us to build up the body and glorify Christ.
- When we are content to remain in our walled off worlds and delight not in how God might use us among those around us.
- When we become so consumed and satiated by the passing pleasures of this world we have no appetite left in us for the eternal, everlasting things.

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Foretastes of the beauty to come...

- In fostering/adopting
- In working with spiteful co-workers
- In patiently enduring cancer, loss, illness and tragedy
- In generously showing hospitality to fellow believers
- In faith-filled employers employing non-believers

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Response

- Have you settled for less than what the Holy Spirit has called you to be?
 - *Lord, may we not be an apathetic bride, blind to the glory of our calling!*
- Are there rags and stains in your life not befitting the Bride of Christ that the Holy Spirit is asking you to throw off?
 - *Lord, may we crucify our old desires, that we might keep in step with the Spirit and become holy!*
- Is there a call in your heart to desire the Holy Spirit's fruit in a deeper way?
 - *Lord, show us through your Spirit the ways we might become more fruitful, so that your beauty might be revealed in us!*



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