



# THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST BIBLE OUTREACH

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## DAILY DEVOTION TWO DIFFERENT PEOPLE

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Ephesians 4:32-33

"All bitterness, anger and wrath, shouting and slander must be removed from you, along with all malice. And be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving one another, just as God also forgave you in Christ."

God's Holy Spirit changes our behavior.

II Corinthians. 5:17

"Old things pass away, new things have come."

This chapter concludes by contrasting the life of the old man and the the new man.

The old life, known as walking in the flesh, produces:

"Bitterness, anger and wrath, shouting and slander and malice."

The Spirit makes us new.

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Forgiveness is an important quality that flows from the Spirit controlled life. Those without the Spirit carry around grudges, bitterness, and even a desire for revenge. People can harbor anger because of things that were said years or even decades before. We must learn to put the past behind us and move on. To forgive means to forget. We must forgive as Christ forgave us.

Jeremiah 31:34

"I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

PHILIPPIANS 3:13

"Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead"

Hebrews 12:15

"See to it...that no root of bitterness springs up to cause trouble and defile many."

We also see the profound changes resulting from the Spirit-controlled life in Galatians 5:22-23 where the works of the flesh are compared to the fruit of the Spirit:



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The flesh: Sexual immorality, moral impurity, promiscuity, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambitions, dissension, factions, envy, drunkenness, Carousing.

Be aware that these are sins that a believer can commit when controlled by the flesh.

The Spirit: Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.

PRAYER: Oh God, help me not to be controlled by the flesh but by the Holy Spirit, Amen.