

Sunday, April 21, 2024—Galatians 5:23-24 Against Such There Is No Law

### Galatians 5:23

- **Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.**
- **against such there is no law**—the preposition translated “against” is so rendered 58 times in the KJB. As such it denotes opposition as the English definition of the word reports. Noah Webster’s *American Dictionary of The English Language* defines the word as follows:
  - “In opposition; noting enmity or disapprobation.
    - His hand will be against every man. Genesis 16:12.
    - I am against your pillows. Ezekiel 8:1.
  - In opposition, noting contrariety, contradiction, or repugnance; as, a decree against law, reason, or public opinion.
  - In opposition, noting competition, or different sides or parties; as, there are twenty votes in the affirmative against ten in the negative.
    - In an opposite direction; as, to ride against the wind.
  - Opposite in place; abreast; as, a ship is against the mouth of a river. In this sense it is often preceded by over.
    - Aaron lighted the lamps over against the candlesticks.”
- The oppositional nature of the word is apparent in the following verses.
  - Matthew 5:11, 23; 10:35; 12:14, 25, 30, 32
- Galatians 5:23—“against such” i.e., the “fruit of the Spirit” in verse 22. There is “no law” testifying “against” or opposing the “fruit of the Spirit.” I can find no comparative passage to shed light on what he means; therefore, we must consider the context.
- Galatians 5:18—there is no law that can bring about the “fruit of the Spirit” because the Spirit does not work according to the Law today during the Dispensation of Grace.
  - Galatians 5:13-14—when believers manifest the “fruit of the Spirit” and love our neighbors as ourselves, we fulfill what the law required without being under it.
- I Timothy 1:9—a lost man cannot manifest the “fruit of the Spirit” through the law because he/she does not possess the Spirit of God.
- Galatians 5:23—there is no law that can accomplish the fruit of the Spirit and no law against the fruit of the Spirit.

- Romans 8:29—walking in the Spirit and manifesting the “fruit of the Spirit” is akin to being “conformed to the image of his Son.”

### **Galatians 5:24**

- **And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.**
- Galatians 3:26-29—has already established the fact that are Christ’s i.e., they belong to Christ.
- **Have crucified**—is in the aorist tense, active voice, and indicative mood. When the aorist tense is in the indicative mood it denotes an action that occurred at a specific point in past time. Thus, the past tense in English “have crucified.” The active voice denotes the action as being accomplished by the subject of the verb i.e., believers or “they that are Christ’s.” This crucifixion is self-inflicted. It is reckoning yourself dead to the flesh and law.
- Galatians 2:20—this crucifixion was done by God Himself when the believer placed saving faith in Jesus Christ. This crucifixion is positional.
- Romans 6:4-8—the “old man” was crucified with Christ.
- Galatians 5:24—is practical. It is the believer applying the truth of Romans 6:4-8 to his or her present wrestling with the flesh. Those who have done this are not seeking their own affections and lusts any longer. Believers need to reckon themselves dead to the passions and lusts of the flesh.