

Bible Text New International Version	How is the Holy Spirit revealed in these Scriptures?
<p>Galatians 5:13-18</p> <p>Life by the Spirit</p> <p>¹³ You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh^a; rather, serve one another humbly in love. ¹⁴ For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.”^b ¹⁵ If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.</p> <p>¹⁶ So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ 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^c you want. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.</p> <p>Galatians 5:19-25</p> <p>¹⁹ The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; ²⁰ idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions ²¹ 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.</p> <p>²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. ²⁴ Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.</p> <p>a. In contexts like this, the Greek word for <i>flesh</i> (<i>sarx</i>) refers to the sinful state of human beings, often presented as a power in opposition to the Spirit; also in verses 16, 17, 19 and 24; and in 6:8. b. Lev. 19:18 c. Or <i>you do not do what</i></p>	

Reflections

If the Spirit has set us free from the law, how do you keep in step with the Spirit?

Give an example of how God has manifested one aspect of the fruit of the Spirit in your life that was clearly from His Spirit and not your own nature. Identify another aspect of the fruit of the Spirit that needs development in your life.

