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Interim Preacher Philip Goad
Announcements/PrayerRandy Rives
Song LeaderAndy Duncan
Attendance Terry Dyer/Jacob King
Morning
Scripture/Opening PrayerByron Madison
Lord's Supper
Presiding
* Lamar King
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Ralph Hubbard * * Jared Agan
Charles Dooley * * Randy Rives
Closing PrayerJack Mears
Evening
Opening PrayerCharles Dooley
Lord's Supper
Ralph Hubbard * * Jared Agan
Closing Prayer
Communion Preparation  Month of October Cindy Harper
Month of November Alana Fair
Nursery Attendant; Backup
October 13Glenda Rives; Brandie Madison
October 20Lara King; Katie Agan
Wednesday Evening - October 16, 2019
Prayer/AnnouncementsJacob King
Song Leader Tom Fair
DevotionalLamar King

Service Times	- Paris
SUNDAY	
Bible Study 9:00 a.m.	
Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.	
Evening Worship5:00 p.m.	
WEDNESDAY	
Bible Study6:00 p.m.	_£

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Contribution Last Week

Daily Bible Readers

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Welcome Visitors!

## The Spiritual Kingdom of GOD

These works of the flesh are all around us, aren't they? Galatians 5:19-21 says, "The wrong things the sinful self does are clear: being sexually unfaithful, not being pure, taking part in sexual sins, worshiping gods, doing witchcraft, hating, making trouble, being jealous, being angry, being selfish, making people angry with each other, causing divisions among people, feeling envy, being drunk, having wild and wasteful parties, and doing other things like these. I warn you now as I warned you before: Those who do these things will not inherit God's kingdom." (NCV)

Paul gives this long list of sins and transgressions. Then, notice his conclusion, "I've warned you over and over again." What was Paul's warning about these things? He says, "Those who do these things will NOT inherit God's kingdom." The Christian, who is led by the Spirit, will be led to do spiritual things! Not the works of the flesh. Doesn't that make sense? People of the world will seek to please themselves with temporary pleasures. People of the world to come will think about heavenly things and spiritual gifts and laying up treasures in heaven.

We need to think like spiritual kingdom people! Not like the world! We seek to live in the light, not under the cover of darkness. When we do we will bear the fruit of the Holy Spirit of God. **Galatians 5:22-23** says, "But the Spirit produces the fruit of love, joy, peace, patience (longsuffering), kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. There is no law that says these things are wrong." (NCV) Notice that these could be divided into three groups:

Group#1 = "love, joy, peace" - Bearing Fruit for God

Group #2 = "longsuffering, kindness, goodness" - Bearing Fruit for Others

Group #3 = "faithfulness, gentleness, self-control." - Bearing Fruit for Ourselves