

Freedom!
Galatians 5:16-25

Simul Justus et Peccator

- a. I would like the fish
- b. My pastor is a handsome man
- c. Simultaneously justified and yet a sinner
- d. All of the above

**1. Christians simultaneously experience DUAL
NATURES**

- a. Declared RIGHTEOUS
- b. Still inclined to SIN

**2. We navigate these dueling natures by WALKING by
the spirit**

**3. Fruit of the Spirit is not another LIST to perform.
Rather it is a picture of the Christian's life when we
are LISTENING to the Holy Spirit.**

Application:

Q. How do we walk with the Spirit?

1. Make sure you are a Christian
2. Recognize the Spirit of God is within you
3. Know the teachings of Christ (John 16:6-15)
4. Listen to your conscience and strong impressions, but square them with Scripture!

For Further Thought and Reflection:

Being Human by Rana M. Macaulay

You Are What You Love by James K.A. Smith

Who's Afraid of the Holy Spirit by Daniel B. Wallace

Small Group Questions

1. What does the Latin phrase *simul justus et peccator* mean? What are some contemporary phrases that mean the same thing?
2. Why can't you trust all your desires? In what ways do you recognize a conflict between natures in yourself?
3. Does Paul tell us to pursue the fruit of the Spirit? Why or why not? What does he tell us to pursue?
4. How do we continue walking with the Holy Spirit?
5. What were some of the illustrations Pastor Eric used to show how we cooperate with Him?
6. What do you find encouraging about this passage? How does keeping in step with the Holy Spirit produce real freedom?