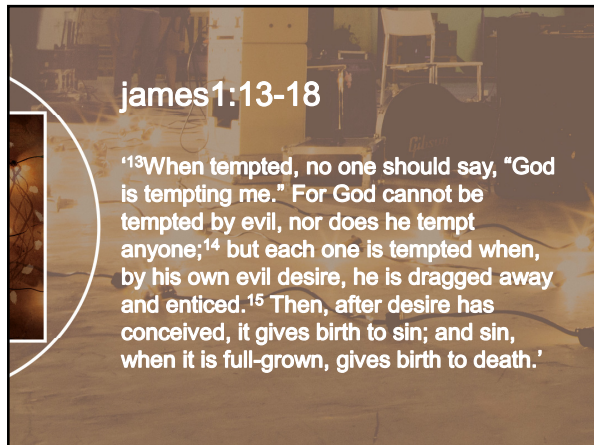


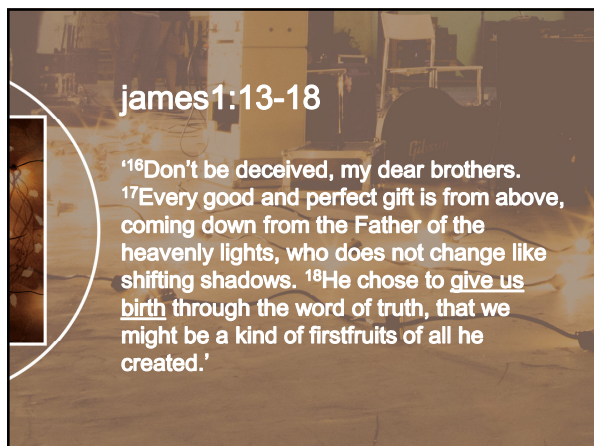
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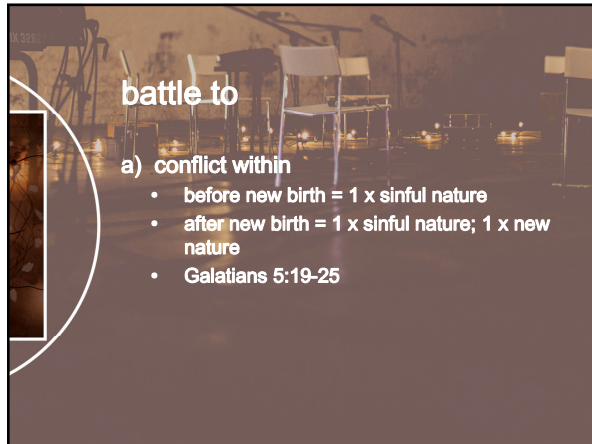
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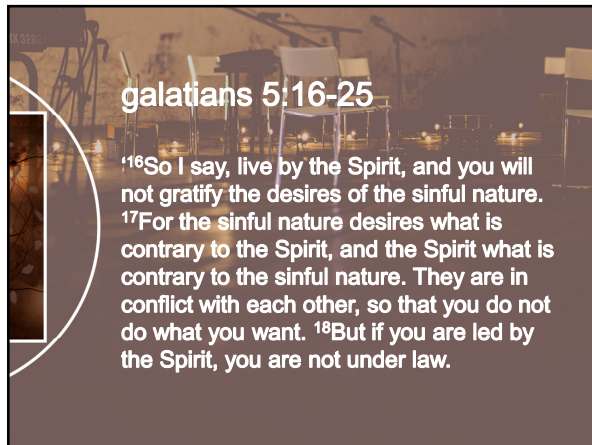
¹⁶Don't be deceived, my dear brothers.
¹⁷Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. ¹⁸He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.'



battle to

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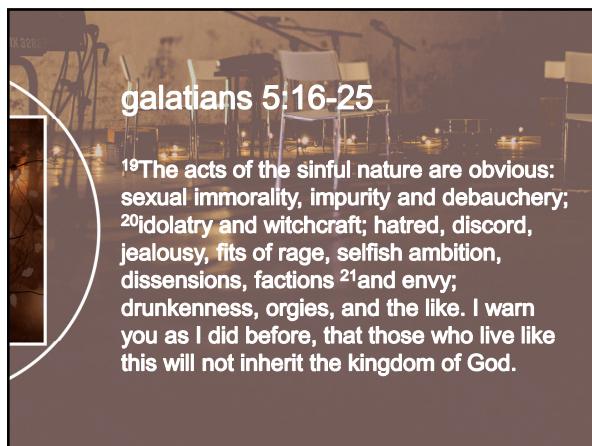
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- after new birth = 1 x sinful nature; 1 x new nature
- Galatians 5:19-25



galatians 5:16-25

¹⁶So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature.

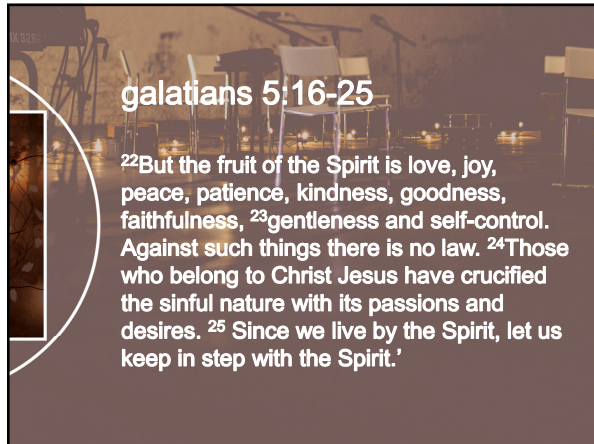
¹⁷For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under law.



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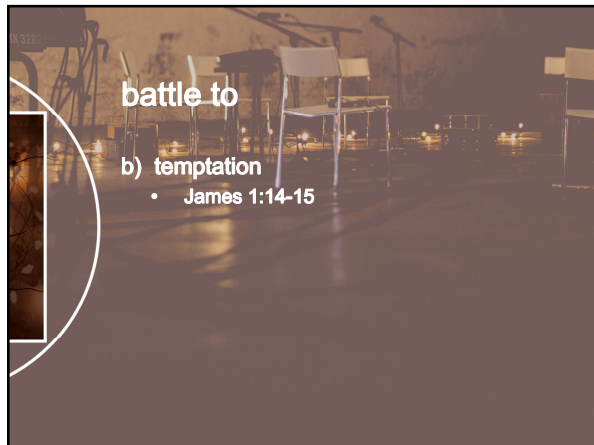
¹⁹The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery;

²⁰idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions ²¹and 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.



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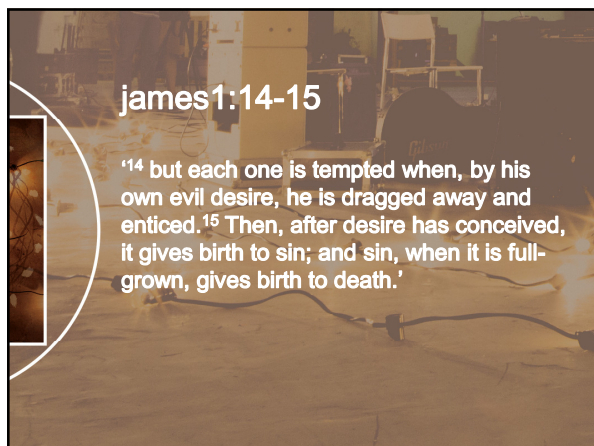
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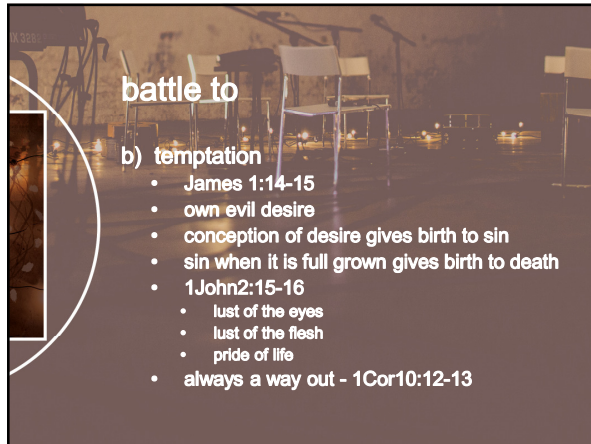
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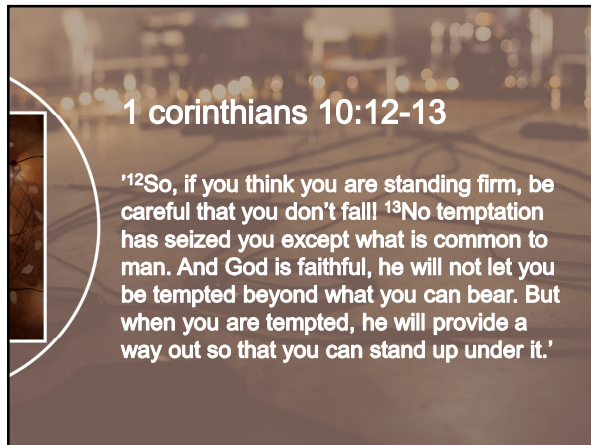
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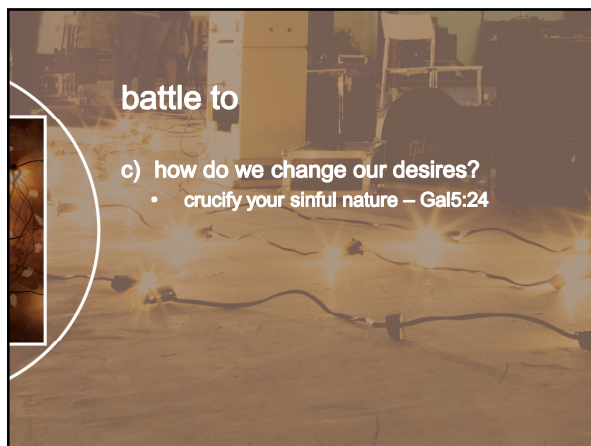
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- 1John2:15-16
 - lust of the eyes
 - lust of the flesh
 - pride of life
- always a way out - 1Cor10:12-13



1 corinthians 10:12-13

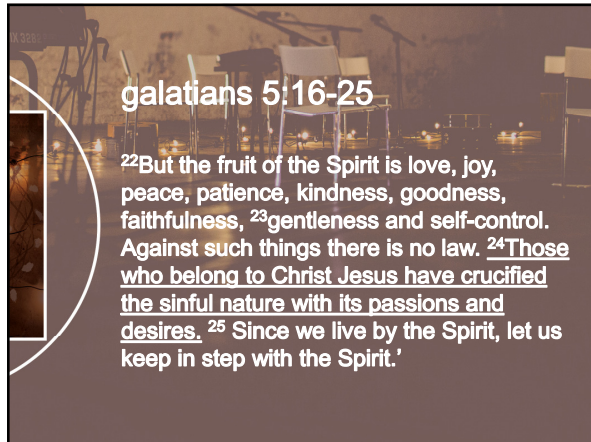
¹²So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! ¹³No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful, he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.'



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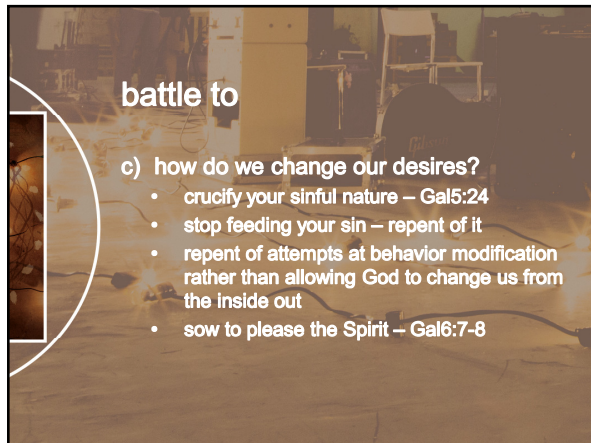
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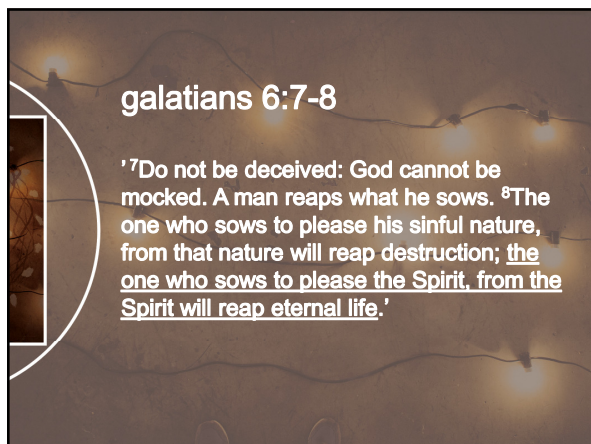
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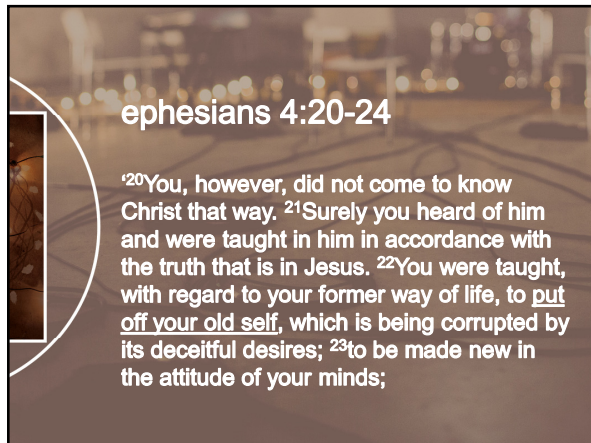
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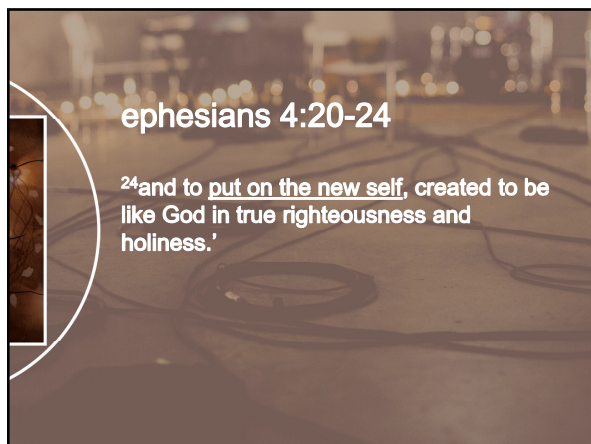
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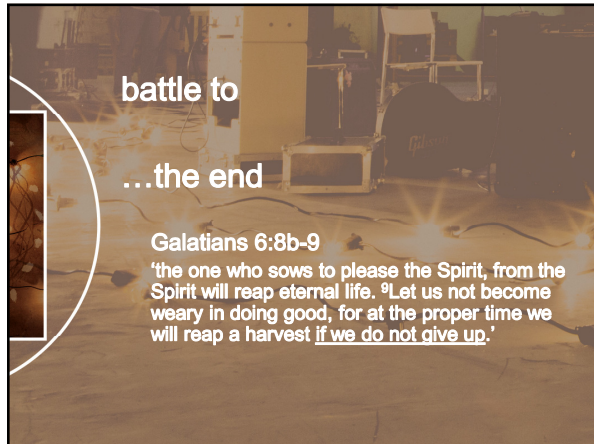
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²⁰You, however, did not come to know Christ that way. ²¹Surely you heard of him and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus. ²²You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; ²³to be made new in the attitude of your minds;



ephesians 4:20-24

²⁴and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.'



battle to

...the end

Galatians 6:8b-9

'the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. ⁹Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.'
