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Title: "In step with the Spirit"  
Text: Galatians 5:25  
Scriptures: Galatians 3-6

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## INTRODUCTION

What sets us apart from other religious groups?

- A new set of ethics?
- A new set of rituals?
- A new place of worship?

The above are religious observances but that which sets us apart from all others is the Presence of the Spirit of God in our lives (Galatians 3:14)

## Illustration from the OT

- Caleb Joshua son of Jephunneh was still as fervent for the Lord aged 85 as he was when he first personally encountered the Lord aged 40 (Joshua 14:6-11)
  - He saw things different than others – he saw from God's perspective (Numbers 13:27-33)
  - He served God without reservation (Deuteronomy 1:34)
  - He had a "different" spirit (Numbers 14:24)
- The promise given (Numbers 11:29, Joel 2:27-28, Ezekiel 36:24-27)
- The promise renewed (John 14:15-17; John 16:13)
- The promise fulfilled (Acts 1:8, 2:1-4)

## The Spirit gives us a NEW IDENTITY (Galatians 4:6)

- Marked to signify a new relationship (Ephesians 1:13, Romans 8:15-17)
- Marked to be recipients of blessing (Exodus 33:15, Acts 2:38)
- Marked to be distinguished from all others (Exodus 33:15, Acts 4:13)

## The Spirit gives us NEW ABILITIES (Galatians 5:1)

- The ability to say no to sin (Galatians 5:16-17)
- The ability to choose how we are to behave (Galatians 5:19-21)
- The ability to become like Jesus (Galatians 5:22-23)

## The Spirit gives us NEW BOLDNESS (Galatians 5:25)

- Boldness to forgive and restore (Galatians 6:1)
- Boldness to love and nurture (Galatians 6:2-5)
- Courage to sow sacrificially and liberally (Galatians 6:7-10)

## CONCLUSION

To receive God's blessing upon your life, don't start with the Spirit and end with the flesh "Are you so foolish? After beginning with the Spirit, are you now trying to attain your goal by human effort?" (Galatians 3:2)