

led by the Spirit, according to God's Church program for today, have *absolutely nothing* to do with the keeping of the Mosaic Law!

19-20. "And the works of the flesh are manifest, which are fornication, uncleanness, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, wraths, factions, divisions, heresies,"

The Greek word for "manifested" (*φανερα*) states that the works of the flesh are *plain, apparent, evident, and known*. These works of the flesh were not concealed, something done in secret, but they represent the life-style of the Satan-dominated world.

The primary thought here is that the sinful nature of these works was plain and obvious to them as believers. Furthermore, on the basis of Divine creation even the lost have a minimal knowledge of what are works of the flesh (cf. Rom. 1:19, 28, 32). Paul's use of the phrase "which are" (*αττω εστω*) should be interpreted to mean *which are* or *for example* and not as a complete list including all the works of the flesh.

The first work of the flesh mentioned is "fornication" (*πορνεια*), which is a *sin against one's own body* (1 Cor. 6:18). The seriousness of this sin among the Galatians may be the reason Paul places it first on the list. The word "*πορνεια*" refers to illicit sexual intercourse in a general sense, i.e., both outside and within the bonds of marriage. It speaks of sexual activity that is contrary to the Divine standards set forth in the Scriptures.

Compared to the companion word "adultery" (*μοιχεια*), which is generally used of illicit sexual relations in conjunction with marriage, the word "fornication" refers more particularly to illicit sexual relations outside of marriage. The Greek use of the word "*πορνεια*" was broad