

Galatians 5:16-18, Romans 8:12-16

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Walking in the Spirit: Part 2

1. What does it mean to walk in the Spirit?

2. How do you walk in the Spirit?

3. What's the practical outcome of walking in the Holy Spirit?
 - a. Victory
Galatians 5:16
Romans 8:13,14

 - b. Fruit
Galatians 5:22,23

 - c. Assurance
Galatians 5:18
Romans 8:14,16

 - d. Freedom
Galatians 5:17,18
Romans 8:15

4. What's the challenge to walking in the Spirit? Galatians 5:17
Romans 6:11-15

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Salvation - Life from the dead, born of the Spirit, made alive those who were once dead in their sins.

Ephesians 2:1

John Chapter 3: Discourse with Nicodemus

Lazarus Resurrection:

Lazarus and the grave clothes: Lazarus has life, but the graveclothes that signify death are still on him. This is similar to our being given life, a new nature, but still dealing with our old nature, that was leading us to death. The graveclothes come off, sometimes slowly, sometimes quickly. But even once they are off, there is still a battle for us to roll ourselves back up in the graveclothes again. This is an example of being conformed to an image of something we truly are not, instead of being transformed to something that we are as Romans 12:2 speaks of. God would have the life that is within us to shine forth brightly! The whole of Christian life is becoming who you actually are!

“Our greatest need is to become who we already are in Christ.”

Martin Lloyd Jones “God’s Ultimate Purpose”

“In other words, the evidence that we are the children of God is that the Holy Spirit confirms his presence by leading us into war with our sin. The children of God hate sin. The children of God have the values and priorities and preferences and tastes of their Father. They are chips off the old block, as it were.”

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How do you walk in the Spirit?

1. Respond in obedience to the commands of Scripture
2. Live a life of prayer, ready to follow God's supernatural commands

Believers are not primarily led through subjective mental impressions or promptings to provide direction in making life's decisions, instead God's Spirit objectively leads His children through the orchestration of circumstances but primarily through illumination of divine Scripture to make it understandable to our sinful, finite minds AND sanctification, divinely enabling us to obey Scripture

What's the evidence you are walking in the Spirit?

What's the challenge to walking in the Spirit?

The challenge is that our sin nature is not completely destroyed. We have been born again, given a new nature and becoming a new creation. Knowing this as our identity is key! However, there is the remnant of our old, sinful self, that must be contended against.

Romans 6:11

Consider: Reason, conclude, decide that we are dead to sin because of what Jesus Christ has done. We are alive to God. Because of this, have confidence and stand strong in this fact. Let it energize us to stand strong against sin and do not give it a place in our lives that it actually does not have. God has thrown down sin as our king and raised Himself to be the King of our life.

In a sense, now that we have been made alive to God, with the new nature, sin only has a place in us when we give it

It is imperative to know our identity

How does the Spirit deliver us from the law?

- Power to

Those that are led by the Spirit are not under the law? This means that they are not under bondage, they are free!

You are enjoying God

- Worship is wonderful, you are desiring H

Then why not say, Be obedient?

Paul is setting up two diametrically opposed "forces" within the born again Christian. There are two "captains" battling for control

There is a battle for becoming who God has made you to be. Who God has called you to be!

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What are the lusts of the flesh?

The battle within and the battle without

The Spirit of God creates a desire in us to love God, joyfully worshiping and obeying Him.

II Corinthians 3:17

The *second* sense in which we are not under law when we “walk by the Spirit” or are “led by the Spirit” is that then we don’t feel the pinch or burden of the law demanding of us what we have no desire to do.

One of the great themes of Chapter 5 is freedom. What does it mean to be free in Christ?

Walking in the Spirit doesn’t remove temptations, desires, or even all failures. But it does keep us from “fulfilling the lust of the flesh.” This means we will not follow it through to the end.

The reality is you want to do things that are wrong because of the old nature that has not been completely destroyed yet. However, you also truly want to love God, worship Him, enjoy Him. You desire to please your Savior

God is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in Him.

Thoughts, actions, and emotion

Where are you going? How are you getting there?

“If we live by the Spirit, then let us also walk by the Spirit.” Let us acknowledge from our heart that we are unable to please God without the Spirit’s constant enablement. Let us pray for that enablement. Let us trust confidently in the Spirit’s power and promise to give that enablement. Then let us do what we know is right. And having done it, let us turn and say with all the saints, “Not I, but the Spirit of Christ within me.” Thanks be to God! To *him* be glory forever and ever! Amen.