

Walking in the Spirit: Part 1

Romans 8:1-9

Introduction

From Chapter 5 to Chapter 8 in the Book of Romans, Paul discusses spiritual growth and sanctification and how we ought to serve God. In 6:14 and 7:6, he describes two different ways to approach this; either through the Law of Moses or through the Grace of Christ. One emphasizes the letter of the law, while the other focuses on the newness of the Spirit.

1. Trying to serve God under the _____ usually devolves to trying to serve God through your own self-effort.
2. Paul realizes what most of us have learned; trying to keep the Law is _____.
3. Thanks to the _____, Jesus Christ sets us free from this bondage, so we don't need to strive to keep the law.
4. In chapter 8, Paul describes the _____ and results of following Jesus, which he calls walking in the Spirit.
5. According to Paul, what the law of Moses could not accomplish, is accomplished by the _____ of Jesus Christ.
6. When you receive Jesus as your savior, you are completely set free from the law of sin and death and even the _____ of it.
7. When we repent of our sins and unite with the Spirit of Christ, our sinfulness and fear of the final judgment of God are _____.
8. Our union with Christ defeats the power of sin that wants to _____ us.

I. The Law of the Spirit of Life Liberates Us

9. Even though the "law of sin and death" is more powerful than our moral will-power, the "law of the Spirit of life" is _____ than the "law of sin and death."
10. The law of the Spirit of Life has the power to _____ us, which is the law God chooses and uses to overcome the law of sin and death.
11. Because of our union with Christ, the Law of the Spirit _____ us from the law of sin and of death.
12. The Law cannot _____ you.
13. The Law is like a mirror - It shows you what is wrong but it can't _____ the problem.
14. The Spirit of Christ _____ the sin that used to triumph over us.
15. Even the moral influence of the Law cannot _____ sin.
16. Paul says the Law was _____ because it failed to overcome sin. That is why the Old Testament Sacrificial System was instituted. Those who failed to keep the Law were required to offer a "sin-offering."
17. You can't _____ the righteousness of the Law.
18. Jesus' sacrifice on the Cross pays the penalty for our sinfulness and gives us a new _____ to live guided by the Spirit of Christ.

II. The Battle For The Mind

19. The _____ for this freedom and victory over the flesh is mental.

20. Those who cater to the flesh become _____ to the desires of the flesh.
21. The mind that focuses on the flesh leads to death, but the mind that focuses on the spirit enjoys life and _____.
22. You can't experience a spiritual awakening if your _____ is absorbed with worldly thinking.
23. Why would you walk in darkness when you can walk in the _____?
24. The carnal mind leads to _____ because it implies enmity with God, and enmity with God *is* death.
25. Walking in the Spirit is to _____ your mind upon following the ways of God.
26. To set your mind on something involves rational reflection, which includes what the bible calls _____ on the Word.
27. Spiritual _____ begins with our minds (how we think), not with our behavior (what we do) or with our experiences (what we feel).
28. The more we learn and consciously view what Christ has given us, the more God's Spirit will _____ our lives.

III. Holy Spirit Indwelling Presence

29. Before you can walk in the Spirit, you must be _____ by the Spirit.
30. We are not _____ with the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit.
31. We are born naturally, but we are also born again, _____.

32. Our "thirst" for God gradually becomes an awareness of our need for God until we accept God's offer of _____ through Christ.

Conclusion

33. Our new nature in Christ does not long for the things of this _____. Our desire is for the things of God.

34. Believers _____ Christlike transformation in every part of their lives.

The presence of the Holy Spirit abides in those who belong to Christ. When Christ lives within us, the flesh is dead to sin, but the body is full of life through the Spirit.

Christ puts to death the desire to sin, and our body is cleansed and becomes a temple of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit of Christ creates within us the Law of Life. And the Law of Life in Christ gives us the divine power to resist and overcomes sin.

ANSWERS

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| 1. Law | 18. Life |
| 2. Impossible | 19. Battleground |
| 3. Cross | 20. Slaves |
| 4. Benefits | 21. Peace |
| 5. Gospel | 22. Mind |
| 6. Condemnation | 23. Light |
| 7. Remove | 24. Death |
| 8. Control | 25. Fix |
| 9. Greater | 26. Meditating |
| 10. Liberate | 27. Growth |
| 11. Frees | 28. Transform |
| 12. Save | 29. Indwelt |
| 13. Correct | 30. Born |
| 14. Defeats | 31. Spiritually |
| 15. Overpower | 32. Relationship |
| 16. Limited | 33. World |
| 17. Ignore | 34. Desire |