



LIFE IN THE SPIRIT (2)

Romans 8:12-17

Romans 7:1-25

- God's law was misused, misrepresented and perverted by sin.
- Sin tried to use the law to trap us, but Christ came to free us and to render sin powerless.
- The believer continues to struggle with sin as a reality of the Christian life because while we are a new creation in our spirit, our bodies continue to suffer the effects of sin until the day we die.
- Thanks be to God! No matter how wretched we might think we are, God can still use our "mortal body" for His Kingdom and glory!

Romans 8:1-11

- Jesus is the starting point and foundation of our life in the Spirit. ('In Christ')
- We now live each day according to the Spirit in conduct and attitude. (Conformity)
- The Holy Spirit dwells in us, gives life to our spirits and will one day also give life to our mortal bodies. (Consummation)

Romans 7:1-8:11



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Sin



IMPLICATIONS

1. We are indebted to the indwelling Holy Spirit to live according to the Spirit. (vv.12-13)
2. We are children of God led by the indwelling Spirit. (vv.14-17)

¹² So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³ For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ESV

¹² Therefore, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to our sinful nature, to live according to our sinful nature. But **to the Holy Spirit, to live according to the Spirit.** ¹³ For if you live according to your sinful nature, you will surely die. But if through the power of the Spirit you are habitually putting to death the evil deeds prompted by the body, you will live. Paraphrase

So don't you see that we don't owe this old do-it-yourself life one red cent. There's nothing in it for us, nothing at all. **The best thing to do is give it a decent burial and get on with your new life. God's Spirit beckons. There are things to do and places to go!** Romans 8:12-14 The Message

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MORTIFICATION

“It is a clear sighted recognition of evil as evil, leading to such a decisive and radical repudiation (or renunciation) of it ... And what we are to put to death ... is the misdeeds of the body, that is the use of our body (our eyes, ears, mouth, hands or feet) which serves ourselves instead of God and other people ... we can put to death the misdeeds of the body only by the Spirit, by his agency and power. For only he can give us the desire, determination and discipline to reject evil. Nevertheless, it is we who must take the initiative to act.” – Dr John Stott

God's Promise

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“Verse 13 contains the most marvellous promise, which is expressed in the single Greek verb *zesesthe, you will live* ... Paul seems to be alluding to the life of God's children, who are led by his Spirit ... This rich, abundant, satisfying life can be enjoyed only by those who put their misdeeds to death.” – Dr John Stott

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2. We are children of God led by the indwelling Spirit. (vv.14-17)

¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶ The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs— heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him. Romans 8:12-17 ESV

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