

## Walking by the Holy Spirit

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**There is available to the Christian the perpetual, moment-by-moment flow and impulse of the very life of Jesus Christ, working in and through him/her by the Holy Spirit.**

**Romans 8:9-14** ESV

**9 You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.**

- *Just because the Spirit of God is dwelling in us in regeneration, does not necessarily mean that we are not “in the flesh.” The regenerated spirit and the flesh are in continual conflict.*

*Romans 7:22-23* ESV

*22 For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being,*

*23 but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members.*

**Romans 8:9-14** ESV

**10 But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness.**

- *Regeneration, God living within us, completely reverses the balance of power in our life.*
- *Righteousness, the hunger and thirst for righteousness, is now the dominant, impelling motivation of our heart and life. Regeneration puts the Holy Spirit in charge, until we make choices that deny His Lordship.*
- *There is no sin, no addiction, no bondage, greater than the life and power of Jesus Christ living within us.*

**Romans 8:9-14** ESV

**11 If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.**

- *Living in this life-flow is intentional and conscious.*

*John 15:5* ESV

*5 I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.*

**Romans 8:9-14** ESV

**12 So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh.**

- *By the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the power of sin has been destroyed over our lives. Sin has no authority or power to dictate our decisions and choices.*

*Romans 6:4-7* ESV

*4 We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.*

5 For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

6 We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin.

7 For one who has died has been set free from sin.

#### Romans 8:9-14 ESV

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.**

- Being forgiven of our sins and fully justified before God, does not remove the consequences for our choices and actions, which many times will last a lifetime.

Galatians 6:7-9 ESV

7 Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap.

8 For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.

9 And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.

#### Romans 8:9-14 ESV

14 For **all who are led** (ago) **by the Spirit of God** are sons of God.

**led** (ago - occurs 68 times in the NT)

- to lead by laying hold of and in this way to bring to the point of destination
- to lead by accompanying
- to lead with one's self
- to attach to one's self as an attendant
- to impel, to bring, to carry, to move

Acts 23:10 ESV

10 And when the dissension became violent, the tribune, afraid that Paul would be torn to pieces by them, commanded the soldiers to go down and take him away from among them by force and **BRING HIM** (ago) into the barracks.

#### Galatians 5:16-18 ESV

16 But I say, **walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.**

**walk** (peripateo)

- to walk, to make one's way, to be occupied with, to regulate and conduct one's life
- To walk in the Spirit means more than just empowerment. It means absolute and complete surrender.
- You can't walk in the power of the Holy Spirit without being surrendered to the Holy Spirit.

#### Galatians 5:16-18 ESV

17 For **the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.**

Romans 7:15-17 ESV

15 For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate.

16 Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good.

17 So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

**Galatians 5:16-18 ESV**

**18 But if you are led (ago) by the Spirit, you are not under the law.**

- “Under the Law” is the condition of trying to obey God’s commandments by self-discipline and self-control.
- If you are led and carried by the Holy Spirit, you are free from striving to please God in the strength of your flesh.
- Conditions of the heart that prevent us from being led:
  - Self-sufficiency (“I don’t need help.”)
  - Stubbornness and rebellion (“I don’t want help.”)
  - Distraction (“I’m too busy to prepare.”)

**Galatians 5:19-25 ESV**

**19 Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality,**

**20 idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions,**

**21 envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.**

- God would be unjust to pronounce such judgment if He had not provided everything we need to obey and keep this commandment.

Colossians 3:5-6 ESV

5 Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

6 On account of these the wrath of God is coming.

**Galatians 5:19-25 ESV**

**22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,**

**23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.**

**24 And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.**

**25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.**

**keep in step (stoicheō)**

- walk
- to direct one’s life
- to proceed in a row as the march of a soldier

**Galatians 2:20 ESV**

**20 I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.**