

Signs of the Spirit

- ✓ **Perspective** - I experience a paradigm shift - see and respond to life in a Godly way.
- ✓ **Hope** - I have placed my spiritual hope for eternal life in Christ (his atoning death and resurrection) not this world or my moral merit.
- ✓ **Power** - I have experienced a moral leading and power to resist my natural fleshly impulses.
- ✓ **Love** - I love people more and need them less.

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"The true Christian ideal is not to be happy but to be holy"

The relationship between justification and sanctification.

Romans 7:14-8:17

1 Corinthians 2:14-3:3

Ephesians 2:1-10

Galatians 5:16-26

Ephesians 2

"¹ And you **were dead in your trespasses and sins**, ² in which you **formerly walked** according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. ³ Among them we too all **formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh**, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were **by nature children of wrath**, even as the rest.

⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us **alive together with Christ** (by grace you have been saved), ⁶ and **raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him** in the heavenly places, in Christ Jesus, ⁷ in order that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus."

We were dead but are now alive in Christ.

Ephesians 2

"⁸ For by grace **you have been saved through faith**; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; ⁹ not as a result of works, that no one should boast. ¹⁰ For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."

We therefore should walk in good works not to win or keep our salvation but to fulfill it.

Romans 7

"¹⁸ For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh; for the wishing is present in me, but the doing of the good is not. ¹⁹ For the good that I wish, I do not do; but I practice the very evil that I do not wish. ²⁰ But if I am doing the very thing I do not wish, I am no longer the one doing it, but sin which dwells in me. ²¹ **I find then the principle that evil is present in me, the one who wishes to do good.** ²² **For I joyfully concur with the law of God in the inner man,** ²³ but I see a different law in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind, and making me a prisoner of the law of sin which is in my members. ²⁴ **Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free from the body of this death?** ²⁵ Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, on the one hand I myself with my mind am serving the law of God, but on the other, with my flesh the law of sin."

Under the law I am frustrated by not having the power to do what I know I should.

Romans 8

“1 There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus **(free from the law)**. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. 3 For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God did: sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, 4 **in order that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit (free from the law)**.”

**Christ has fulfilled the law for us
and enabling those in Christ to obey the law
as they walk in the power of the Spirit.**

Romans 8

“5 For those who are according to the flesh **(under the law)** set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit **(free from the law)**, the things of the Spirit. 6 For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace, 7 because the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able to do so; 8 and those who are in the flesh **(under the law)** cannot please God. 9 However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him.”

**All those who belong to Christ and possess his Spirit
have experienced a spiritual paradigm shift
resulting in a new “mind set”
distinguishing them from non believers.**

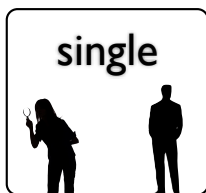
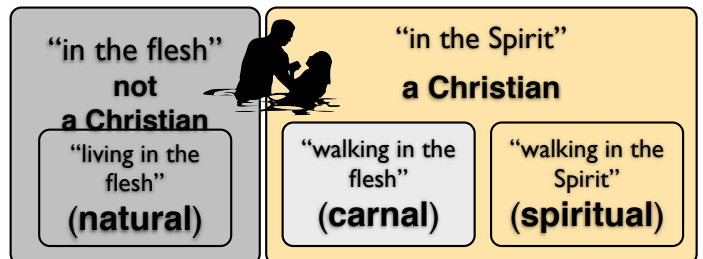
Romans 8

“12 So then, brethren, we are under obligation, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh--13 for if you are living according to the flesh, you must **(will)** die; but if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live. 14 For all who are being led by the Spirit of God **(free from the law)**, these are sons of God. 15 For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!" 16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,”

**As children of God we are
led by and called to walk by the Spirit
putting to death the flesh
so that we might experience the life
God intended for us.**

1 Corinthians 2:14-3:3

“14 But a **natural** man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised. 15 But he who is **spiritual** appraises all things, . . . 1 And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual men, but as to men of flesh, as to babes in Christ. . . 3 For since there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not **fleshly**, and are you not walking like mere men?”



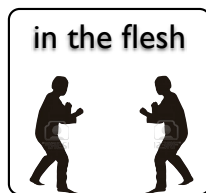
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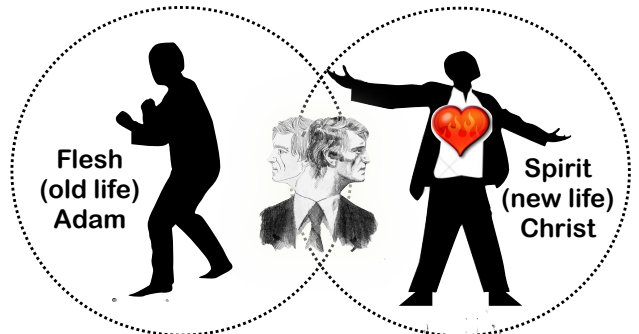
Romans 6:20 “For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness.”



in the flesh



in the Spirit



**You are free to live in the power of the Spirit
don't walk in the flesh.**

Galatians 5

“¹⁶ But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please. (Rom.7:14-25)”

1. While in the present body the believer lives with an internal moral conflict between flesh and Spirit.
2. The Spirit keeps the flesh from controlling the believer's life.

Galatians 5

“¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law.”

1. To be under the law is to increase sinfulness and be powerless against sin.
2. To be free from the law and led by the Spirit is to be free from condemnation and have power that the law could not give.

Galatians 5

“¹⁹ Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, ²¹ envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these,”

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Galatians 5

“of which I forewarn you just as I have forewarned you that those who practice such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.”

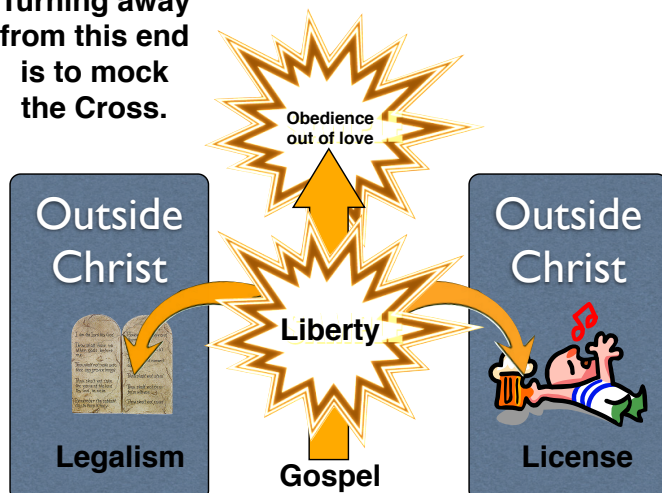
1. Those who “practice” (live in the flesh) shall not inherit the promised salvation because they are not in Christ.
2. A Christian may “do” fleshly things but they are not “in” the flesh if they have the Spirit of Christ. They live in a moral tension created by the Spirit of Christ, which keeps them from being given over fully to the lusts of the flesh.

Matthew 25:31-46

“³⁴ Come you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.”

“⁴⁶ These will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

Turning away from this end is to mock the Cross.



Lessons

- ✓ We are saved by **faith** in Christ's merit not by our walk or good works.
- ✓ We are **called** and **empowered** to live as disciples of Christ in love.
- ✓ As Christians we will not be able to **live in the lusts of the flesh**.
- ✓ Because we do not always or perfectly walk in the power of the Spirit we need **forbearance, forgiveness, teaching, discipline, and grace**.